SPEAKING FOCUS

Verbs

to preserve, preserved to reduce, reduced to damage, damaged

Vocabulary

arid
drought
waste
urbanization
erosion
deforestation
recyclable



global warming
flood
biodiversity
smog
asthma
seldom
rarely



Expressions

not until
under no circumstances
under no condition
only by
hardly ever
on no account

Grammar

We hardly ever have floods in this area.
Hardly ever do we have floods in this area.
I don't throw trash on the streets **on any condition**.
On no condition do I throw trash on the streets.
It is only possible to stop global warming **by** reducing pollution.
Only by reducing pollution **is it** possible to stop global warming.
People will not start preserving the environment **until** it is too late.
Not until it is too late **will people** start preserving the environment.
We cannot allow that **under any circumstance**.
Under no circumstances can we allow that.



Secrets of Success

Learn to ignore problems that will solve themselves or that will never need to be solved.

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Input

It's our responsibility to **preserve** nature.

The consumption of plastic bags must be **reduced**.
Factories have to **reduce** the emission of toxic gases.
Many buildings were **damaged** during the earthquake.
Hold it gently or you'll **damage** it.

This year **drought** was worse than last year.

The effects of **global warming** are everywhere.
One of the causes of **asthma** is the increase in pollution.
Erosion of the soil has become a big issue.
The **biodiversity** of the rainforest amazes us all.
If we dispose of **waste** properly, we can avoid floods.
The whole city was filled with **smog** today.
All **recyclable** items must go in their right bins.



We hardly ever see smog in this area.

Hardly ever do we see smog in this area.
We must not accept software piracy **under any circumstance**.
Under no circumstance must we accept software piracy.
Only by cutting expenses **will we be able** to keep all the staff.
We'll only be able to keep all the staff **by** cutting expenses.
On no condition should we discuss this issue.
We shouldn't discuss this issue **on no account**.



Express Yourself

It's your turn.

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Activities

A. Answer the questions in English.

1. What can people do to reduce water waste in cities?

2. How can factories protect people's health?

3. Why should we properly dispose of waste?

4. What are some effects of global warming?

5. What must not be accepted under any circumstance?

B. Translate the sentences into English.

1. Devemos reduzir o consumo de sacolas plásticas.

2. A biodiversidade da floresta amazônica é incrível.

3. A seca deste ano foi pior do que a do ano passado.

4. Sob nenhuma condição devemos discutir este assunto.

5. Somente cortando despesas poderemos manter toda a equipe.

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C. Translate the sentences into Portuguese.

1. Factories must reduce pollution to protect people's health.

2. We hardly ever see smog in this area.

3. Proper waste disposal can prevent floods.

4. Preserving nature is our responsibility.

5. Only by reducing pollution can we stop global warming.

Text – Global warming

Climate change is one of the biggest challenges our planet faces today. Many factories **emit** toxic gases, which increase air pollution and can cause **asthma**. Cities must **reduce water waste** and **dispose of waste** properly to avoid **floods**. Planting trees helps prevent **soil erosion** and protects **biodiversity**. People should also **recycle** as much as possible, because **recyclable** items can reduce environmental damage.

Droughts have become more frequent and severe, and **smog** appears often in urban areas. Protecting nature is everyone's responsibility. **Under no circumstances** should we ignore environmental warnings. **Only by reducing pollution** can we stop **global warming**. Companies can maintain their staff **only by cutting expenses** wisely, while individuals must act now, even if they **hardly ever** think about environmental problems. **Not until** people understand the consequences will real change occur. Acting together is the best way to preserve the planet for future generations.

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D. Choose the right alternative.

1. **Which action helps prevent soil erosion?**
   a) Planting trees
   b) Increasing water waste
   c) Ignoring floods
   d) Burning recyclable items

2. **What expression means “somente cortando despesas”?**
   a) On no account
   b) Hardly ever
   c) Only by
   d) Not until

3. **What can proper waste disposal prevent?**
   a) Smog
   b) Asthma
   c) Floods
   d) Global warming

4. **When should people act to protect the environment?**
   a) Hardly ever
   b) Only after disasters
   c) Now
   d) Never

5. **Which is correct?**
   a) Under no circumstances should we ignore environmental warnings
   b) Hardly ever should we ignore environmental warnings
   c) Only by we ignore environmental warnings
   d) Not until we ignore environmental warnings

E. Listening.

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