

## Our natural world

1 Which picture shows: **CHECK**

wild animals

mountains

birds

a river

the ocean

a lake

a forest

a desert

a waterfall



**area (n):** a particular region of a country

*e.g. Mountainous **areas** are very popular with skiers in the winter.*

**cover (v):** to form a layer over a surface

*e.g. 70% of the Earth's surface is **covered** with water.*

**drop (v):** to become less

*e.g. Deserts are very hot places but at night temperatures can **drop** to below freezing at night.*

**home (n):** the place where sb/sth lives

*e.g. The Great Barrier Reef in Australia is **home** to beautiful colourful sea creatures.*

**insect (n):** a small animal with six legs

*e.g. In the summer we use **insect** repellent to keep insects such as mosquitoes away.*

**lack (n):** not having something; a shortage

*e.g. There is hardly any vegetation in deserts as there is a **lack** of rain.*

**provide (v):** to give sb sth

*e.g. Oceans **provide** 50% of the Earth's oxygen.*

**shelter (n):** a place giving protection from bad weather or danger

*e.g. The wolves found **shelter** in a cave when it started to snow.*

2 a) Fill in: **CHECK**

provide

cover

home

lack

shelter

areas

drop

insects

**A** They are one of nature's treasures. They are **1)** \_\_\_\_\_ with a lot of trees and **2)** \_\_\_\_\_ about 30% of the Earth's land surface. They provide food and **3)** \_\_\_\_\_ to people and animals.

**B** They take up 70% of the Earth's surface. They are **4)** \_\_\_\_\_ to some of the most amazing creatures on Earth. They **5)** \_\_\_\_\_ 50% of the Earth's oxygen.

**C** They occupy 1/5 of the Earth's land surface. It rarely rains there. Reptiles, **6)** \_\_\_\_\_, birds and mammals live there. They are hot and there is a **7)** \_\_\_\_\_ of water and plants. However, temperatures **8)** \_\_\_\_\_ at night.

Fill in the text with the words below. **CHECK**

care

worse

habitats

wildlife

protect

then

continue

planet

environment

clean

It is important to take **1)** \_\_\_\_\_ of the environment and protect our **2)** \_\_\_\_\_ and its **3)** \_\_\_\_\_. If we help keep the oceans **4)** \_\_\_\_\_ and healthy, **5)** \_\_\_\_\_ fish and marine animals will **6)** \_\_\_\_\_ to live. If we **7)** \_\_\_\_\_ our forests, then birds and most mammals will have **8)** \_\_\_\_\_ to live in and food to eat. If we don't take care of the **9)** \_\_\_\_\_, our world will change for the **10)** \_\_\_\_\_.