

1 Tick (✓) the correct meaning.

1 I'd never heard of an air plant until Soroush gave me one.
 A I heard about air plants and then Soroush gave me one.
 B The first time I heard about air plants was when Soroush gave me one.

2 The trees have grown.
 A I don't know when the trees grew, but they look different now.
 B I know when the trees started and stopped growing.

3 We've been learning about plants.
 A We learned about plants at an unspecified time in the past.
 B We started learning about plants some time ago and we're still learning about them now.

4 We were doing some work in the garden when it started raining.
 A The rain started, but we did some work in the garden.
 B While we worked in the garden, the rain started.

5 I gave them some flowers.
 A This finished event is part of a narrative.
 B This finished event has some connection to now.

6 I've given them some flowers.
 A This finished event is part of a narrative.
 B This finished event has some connection to now.

2 Choose the correct alternative.

1 Jack doesn't live here now. He **has moved / had moved / has been moving** to the countryside.

2 It **was snowing / has been snowing / had snowed** all night. I wonder when it will stop!

3 I saw Sami at the park. He **was sitting / sat / has sat** on the grass with some friends.

4 The room looked completely different because we **have put / had been putting / had put** about ten houseplants in it.

5 We **had learned / learned / have learned** about the rainforest last year.

6 He **visited / had visited / has visited** the rainforest three times and he's going again next year.

3 Complete the blog post with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. More than one answer may be possible.

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Sleeping in the trees

You ¹ (probably / climb) trees when you were a child, but ² (you / ever / sleep) in a tree? Last summer, I ³ (have) my first tree-sleeping experience, and I loved it! I ⁴ (travel) around Italy and I ⁵ (stay) one night in a tent seven metres off the ground in a tree in the beautiful forest of Gorgonero, Sicily. I ⁶ (camp) all my life, but I ⁷ (never / spend) the night in a tree before! I ⁸ (sleep) really well, and when I ⁹ (wake up) up the next morning, birds ¹⁰ (sing) all around me. It was really special!

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4 Match the words below to the definitions.

biofuels carbon dioxide houseplants
 leaves modify monitor natural habitat
 oxygen roots rural transform tropical

1 connected with areas of the world which are warm all year round, such as Brazil, Malaysia and Kenya

2 plants kept in indoor spaces like houses, offices and classrooms

3 connected with the countryside, not the city

4 a gas that people and animals can't live without

5 the green parts of a plant

6 watch and check something over a period of time

7 change something slightly, especially in order to make it more suitable for a particular purpose

8 a gas that plants need

9 the place where a particular type of animal or plant is normally found

10 the parts of a plant which are underground

11 to change the structure of something completely

12 alternative sources of energy made from plant or animal sources and used in engines

5 Complete the texts with the correct form of the words in Ex 4.

The ¹ _____ of a plant take up water from the ground. The ² _____ of a plant produce food for the plant. They create sugars from sunlight, water and ³ _____, and they release ⁴ _____ into the air.

Scientists have been researching the use of seaweed (plants which grow in the sea) in the production of ⁵ _____. This could ⁶ _____ the energy industry, as seaweed doesn't need land or fresh water to grow.

6 Complete the sentences with your own ideas using narrative tenses.

1 When I woke up this morning, _____.

2 I _____ a few times recently.

3 Yesterday, I _____ and then I _____.

4 Yesterday, I _____ because _____.