

1 Tick (✓) the correct meaning.

- I'd never heard of an air plant until Soroush gave me one.
 - I heard about air plants and then Soroush gave me one. ☐
 - The first time I heard about air plants was when Soroush gave me one. ☐
- The trees have grown.
 - I don't know when the trees grew, but they look different now. ☐
 - I know when the trees started and stopped growing. ☐
- We've been learning about plants.
 - We learned about plants at an unspecified time in the past. ☐
 - We started learning about plants some time ago and we're still learning about them now. ☐
- We were doing some work in the garden when it started raining.
 - The rain started, but we did some work in the garden. ☐
 - While we worked in the garden, the rain started. ☐
- I gave them some flowers.
 - This finished event is part of a narrative. ☐
 - This finished event has some connection to now. ☐
- I've given them some flowers.
 - This finished event is part of a narrative. ☐
 - This finished event has some connection to now. ☐

2 Choose the correct alternative.

- Jack doesn't live here now. He **has moved** / **had moved** / **has been moving** to the countryside.
- It **was snowing** / **has been snowing** / **had snowed** all night. I wonder when it will stop!
- I saw Sami at the park. He **was sitting** / **sat** / **has sat** on the grass with some friends.
- The room looked completely different because we **have put** / **had been putting** / **had put** about ten houseplants in it.
- We **had learned** / **learned** / **have learned** about the rainforest last year.
- 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

- connected with areas of the world which are warm all year round, such as Brazil, Malaysia and Kenya _____
 - plants kept in indoor spaces like houses, offices and classrooms _____
 - connected with the countryside, not the city _____
 - a gas that people and animals can't live without _____
 - the green parts of a plant _____
 - watch and check something over a period of time _____
 - change something slightly, especially in order to make it more suitable for a particular purpose _____
 - a gas that plants need _____
 - the place where a particular type of animal or plant is normally found _____
 - the parts of a plant which are underground _____
 - to change the structure of something completely _____
 - 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.

- When I woke up this morning, _____.
- I _____ a few times recently.
- Yesterday, I _____ and then I _____.
- Yesterday, I _____ because _____.