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1 Rare plant and **human** / **animal** species are disappearing.
2 The trees are being **cut** / **chopped** down for paper or to make room for cattle farms.
3 Birds and animals **lose** / **miss** their homes.
4 Factories are polluting our rivers and lakes with dangerous **oils** / **chemicals**.
5 Sea life is threatened with **extinction** / **loss**.
6 Cars and factories are giving off dangerous **waste** / **fumes**.
7 We can plant trees and **adopt** / **adapt** animals.

4 **Read this article about the problems of our planet. Choose the most suitable heading from the list A - F for each part (1 - 4). There is one heading you do not need to use. There is an example at the beginning (0).**

A A watery **grave**.
B Running out of time.
C **Choking** to death.
D Nature can **heal** itself.
E No trees – no life.
F We can do it!

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We have spent thousands of years fighting for our ***survival****. Yet now we have discovered that our planet is under* ***threat*** *and, to make matters worse, it's all our* ***fault****.*

0 B

The **rainforests** are dying, rare plant and animal **species** are disappearing, rivers and seas are being contaminated, **crops** are failing to grow, people are dying of **hunger** and the air is being polluted. It's time we woke up to these problems and started repairing the **damage**.

1

One of the major problems is the **destruction** of the rainforests in South America. They are home to half the world's species and to millions of people. Moreover, the rainforests clean the air by **absorbing** carbon dioxide and **giving out** oxygen. The trees are being cut down for paper or to make room for **cattle farms**. As a result, birds and animals lose their homes and die. This destruction is also bringing about changes in the climate, air pollution, **flooding,** drought and famine. If we continue to burn and cut down the rainforests as we are doing now, the earth will never be the same again.

2

Another big problem is water **pollution.** Do you like swimming in the sea or drinking a cool glass of water on a hot day? These simple pleasures may soon become a thing of the past. Factories are polluting our rivers and lakes with dangerous chemicals. **Oil tankers** are **releasing** thick, black oil into our oceans. Tons and tons of industrial and **domestic waste** are **poured** into our seas. **Consequently, sea life** is threatened with extinction.

3

Air pollution is another important **issue.** The cars and factories in and around our cities are giving off dangerous **fumes**. In the past few years, more and more people than ever before have developed allergies and breathing problems. If we don't do something now, our cities will become impossible to live in.

4

Fortunately, it is not too late to solve these problems. We have the time, the money and even the technology to prepare the way for a better, cleaner and safer future. We can plant trees and **adopt** animals. We can create parks for endangered species. We can put pressure on those in power to **take action.** Together we can save our planet. All we need to do is open our eyes and **act** immediately.

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6 Match the numbers to the letters.

1	drought	a	lack of food
2	contaminate	b	take in
3	famine	c	lack of rain
4	absorb	d	pollute

7 Fill in the correct word(s) from the list below. Use the words only once.

to be threatened, carbon, to become, endangered, to give off, breathing, to take, industrial/domestic, oil, to develop

1 ..... waste
2 ..... dioxide
3 ..... a thing of the past
4 ..... tankers
5 ..... fumes
6 ..... with extinction
7 ..... allergies
8 ..... problems
9 ..... species
10 ..... action

Prepositions

8 Fill in the correct prepositions, then choose any three and make sentences.

1 to fight ..... sth; **2** to be ..... threat; **3** to die ..... hunger; **4** to live ..... a city; **5** to put pressure ..... sb; **6** those ..... power

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