



Acid rain is rain that contains particles of acid. It is mainly caused 1) burning fossil fuels. Acid rain is bad for the environment and many of the world's historic monuments are 2) damaged by it.

- The Statue of Liberty in New York was a gift 3) the French people to the American people and is a universal symbol of freedom and democracy. Millions of people visit this great monument every year. For many years now, acid rain has 4) damaging the statue and has even changed its colour.

- The Leshan Giant Buddha is located 5) the eastern side of the Mui River in the Sichuan Province of China. It is 70.7 metres high. Begun in 713 AD and finished in 803 AD, the statue took people more than 90 years to carve from stone. It is the world's largest stone Buddha. It 6) nearly destroyed by wind erosion and acid rain before 1963 when the Chinese government began to repair it. Nowadays, the maintenance work is still 7) progress in an effort to restore this beautiful monument.

- The Great Sphinx in Giza is one of the 8) fascinating historical monuments of all and a national symbol of 9) ancient and modern Egypt. It was built about 4,500 years 10) and is the biggest stone sculpture made by man. Every year, millions of tourists come to see the Sphinx. Unfortunately, wind, smog and acid rain are putting this wonderful monument in danger. If we want to reduce acid rain we must burn less fossil fuels. Burning coal, oil and gas releases huge amounts of sulphur" into the atmosphere. This is what creates acid rain. The best way 11)..... solve the problem is to use alternative energy sources to produce our electricity, Factories which use solar and wind power instead of the traditional fossil fuels can really help the environment. Another thing we can do is make cars and other vehicles more environmentally friendly. We need to stop using petrol. Instead, we can use cars 12) are electrically powered or run on some other fuel. In this way, the atmosphere will be cleaner and our monuments will stay beautiful.



Read and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

| | True | False |
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| 1-Acid rain is caused by burning coal, oil or gas. | | |
| 2-The Statue of Liberty was given to the USA by the French. | | |
| 3 - The Leshan Giant Buddha is made of wood. | | |
| 4 - The Leshan Giant Buddha is being repaired. | | |
| 5 - The Great Sphinx is made of marble. | | |
| 6 - The Great Sphinx is visited by millions of people every year. | | |

1. What was the reason for damaging the Statue of Liberty in New York?

2. How did people create the Leshan Giant Buddha in China? How much time did it take them?

3. Why is the Great Sphinx in Giza in danger?

4. What can people do to help the environment?
