Exercise 1. Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

deforestation · drought · landfill · endangered · emissions · renewable · litter · biodiversity · pollution · pesticides

1. The destruction of forests, known as _____, threatens many animal species.
2. Carbon dioxide _____ contribute to global warming.
3. Many species are becoming _____ because of habitat loss and hunting.
4. A long period without rain can cause a severe _____.
5. Plastic waste and chemicals cause water _____.
6. Solar and wind power are examples of _____ energy sources.
7. People should not leave _____ in parks or forests.
8. Using too many _____ can damage soil and kill beneficial insects.
9. A _____ is a place where rubbish is buried in the ground.
10. Protecting _____ is essential for maintaining healthy ecosystems.

Exercise 2. Choose the correct option.

1. Governments should take measures to reduce / decrease the amount of waste we produce.
2. Many animals are at risk of becoming extinct / disappearing out.
3. Factories release harmful gases into / onto the atmosphere.
4. We should raise / rise awareness of environmental issues.
5. The government needs to impose / compose stricter environmental laws.
6. Renewable energy can help us reduce our carbon footprint / carbon step.

Exercise 3. Complete the sentences with must, might, could or can't. More than one answer may be possible.

1. The river is completely dry. There _____ have been a severe drought.
2. Look at those dark clouds! It _____ rain soon.
3. This factory uses solar panels and wind turbines. It _____ produce a lot of carbon emissions from electricity generation.
4. There are thousands of plastic bottles on the beach. They _____ have come from the nearby town or been washed ashore.
5. That animal _____ be a polar bear. We're in the African savannah!
6. The air quality is terrible today. The pollution _____ be coming from the industrial area.
7. These trees are dying, but nobody knows why. It _____ be a disease or a lack of water.

Exercise 4. Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. Someone _____ (dump) industrial waste into the river. The water is completely polluted.
2. The government _____ (introduce) new environmental regulations. The factory has stopped releasing toxic chemicals.
3. The animals _____ (escape) from the reserve. All the gates are locked.
4. The forest fire _____ (start) because of human activity, but we're not certain.
5. The local council _____ (plant) these trees last year. They are still very small.

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6. The company _____ (follow) environmental regulations. It has been fined several times.
7. The beach is much cleaner now. Volunteers _____ (organise) a clean-up campaign.

Exercise 5. Choose the correct meaning of the bold word in each sentence.

1. The factory was **left** without electricity after the storm.
a) a direction
b) abandoned / departed

2. Toxic chemicals can **lead** to serious environmental problems.
a) guide / result in
b) a heavy metal

3. The effects of climate change may **last** for decades.
a) continue / endure
b) most recent

4. We **just** need to reduce the amount of plastic we use.
a) fair / lawful
b) simply / only

5. At **present**, many countries are struggling with water shortages.
a) now / currently
b) a gift

6. The government will **present** its new environmental strategy tomorrow.
a) show / formally introduce
b) current

7. This new environmental policy doesn't **suit** every country.
a) be appropriate for
b) a set of formal clothes

8. We need to **change** our habits to protect the planet.
a) coins returned after a payment
b) alter / modify

9. You should **store** rainwater for future use.
a) keep / save
b) a shop

10. The **company** has promised to reduce its carbon emissions.
a) a business
b) the presence of other people

Exercise 6. Complete the sentences with the correct form or meaning of the words in brackets.

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1. The river has been polluted for years, but its condition could still _____. (change)
2. The chemical factory is located on the _____ side of the river. (left)
3. The new regulations will _____ next month. (present)
4. Environmental organisations often _____ campaigns to protect endangered species. (lead)
5. The effects of deforestation may _____ for generations. (last)

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