

3 Oil spill in the North Sea (present perfect)

Last week, a large amount of oil escaped from a pipe on an oil rig in the North Sea. Since then, a lot of the oil

²⁰ has been carried (carry) by the waves onto local beaches. Most of this oil ²¹

(remove) now, but it's too late for many sea birds. Over a hundred birds ²² (rescue) so far and they ²³ (take) to a local wildlife centre.

Here, their feathers ²⁴ (clean)

with detergents. The birds ²⁵

(not release) yet. The natural oil on their feathers

²⁶ (remove) by the detergents, so their feathers are not waterproof. Sadly, many other birds ²⁷ (kill) by the oil.

