

## READING EXERCISE

### Both Sides of Human Intervention

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**Exercise 1.** Listen and complete the missing words to complete the text. Then read the following passage and consider our positive and negative effect on our planet.



Humans have **inhabited** the ..... for about 2 million years, and during this time many events have **occurred**. .... intelligence has **created** several things; many of them have **helped** humanity ..... diseases and threats.

Discoveries and inventions such as vaccines and ..... have **saved** thousands of lives. The printing press has **allowed** us to share more knowledge and ..... has helped us move around the world and trade with other ..... Technology has **shortened** distance in communication and informs us in seconds of events all around the world. However, not all ..... are positive. Other discoveries, like ..... **used** for war and mass destruction, as well as nuclear, chemical, or biological bombs are extremely ..... and might lead humans to .....

Industry causes high levels of pollution and Both Sides of Human Intervention releases carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, and lots of toxic chemicals are **dumped** into rivers and seas. .... warming is a reality. .... activities such as producing our food, commuting, using plastic, large-scale fishing, monoculture plantations, among others; are destroying our planet little by little. We hear about hundreds of ..... and animal species that are **endangered** or even extinct. We need to take responsibility for our actions that affect our planet.

**Exercise 2.** Make a list of all positive and negative effects of humans found in the text. Complete the chart below.

**Human Intervention**

- a. Large-scale fishing and monoculture plantations are destroying our planet
- b. Technology used for war and are extremely dangerous
- c. Transportation has helped us move around the world
- d. The printing press has allowed us to share more knowledge
- e. Discoveries and inventions such as vaccines and antibiotics

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f. Industry causes high levels of pollution into the atmosphere