

VOCABULARY

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Match the words in bold in sentences 1-8 with the descriptions in a-h.

- 1 Is air **pollution** a problem where you live? If yes, how can we **prevent** it?
- 2 What **wildlife** or natural environments are **endangered** in your country?
- 3 Are there any **conservation projects** to help **protect** these animals and plants or **save** these places?
- 4 Do most people support these projects?
- 5 Have new roads and buildings **damaged** the environment near you?
- 6 Do most people in your country care enough about **climate change**?
- 7 What can ordinary people do to help **the environment**?
- 8 Are you **environmentally friendly**? For example, do you **recycle** glass and paper?

a. a noun that means the air, land and water where people, animals and plants live

b. four verbs that are used to talk about solutions

c. a verb which means 'destroyed' or 'hurt'

d. two nouns that are environmental problems

e. a noun that can be a solution to environmental problems

f. a noun that means 'animals and plants'

g. an adjective that describes animals and plants that may disappear

h. a phrase that means 'not harmful to the environment'

Match the words in the box with definitions 1-8.

local
destroy
natural
species
survive
limit
endangered
creature

1 found in nature, and not made by people

2 from a small area, especially of a country

3 to control something so that it doesn't become bigger

4 a type of animal or plant

5 to continue living

6 to damage something so badly that it can't be used

7 anything that lives (but is not a plant)

8 used to describe an animal or plant which might disappear because there are not many alive

Complete the texts with the correct form of the words in previous exercise.



This is my favourite animal - the orangutan. Unfortunately, this great ape is ______. It's terrible that people are cutting down the trees in the area where it lives. If we're not careful, its home will be completely _____. Fortunately, there are several conservation projects working to save this beautiful _____.

The ice in the Arctic is melting. Some people say that the melting ice is _____ – that human beings are not causing climate change. But we need to do something about it, and fast. The weather is getting stranger. Some scientists think that many _____ will not be able to _____ if the temperature changes too much.



Pollution is a big problem here. The air is often like a dirty grey fog. You can hardly see what's in front of you! A lot of people are getting ill. The government needs to _____ the number of cars and factories, but we can't do anything without the support of the _____ people. The problem is, everyone wants to drive!

Listen and check your answers.