

BOTH SIDES OF HUMAN INTERVENTION

1) Read the passage again.



Vocabulary

disease. an illness that affects a person, animal, or plant; a condition that prevents the body or mind from working normally

threat. something that can put you in danger

vaccine. a substance that is usually injected into a person or animal to protect against a particular disease

trade. the activity or process of buying, selling, or exchanging goods or services

dump. to put (something) somewhere in a quick and careless way

commute. to travel regularly to and from a place and especially between where you live and where you work

endangered. used to describe a type of animal or plant that has become very rare and that could die out completely

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Read the following passage and consider our positive and negative effect on our planet.

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

Discoveries and inventions such as **vaccines** and antibiotics have saved thousands of lives. The printing press has allowed us to share more knowledge and transportation has helped us move around the world and **trade** with other countries. Technology has shortened distance in communication and informs us in seconds of events all around the world.

However, not all inventions are positive. Other discoveries, like technology used for war and mass destruction, as well as nuclear, chemical, or biological bombs are extremely dangerous and might lead humans to extinction.

Industry causes high levels of pollution and releases carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, and lots of toxic chemicals are **dumped** into rivers and seas. Global warming is a reality. Everyday 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 plant and animal species that are **endangered** or even extinct. We need to take responsibility for our actions that affect our planet.

2) Drag and drop the sentences with the correct picture.



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