

TASK 1.

Reading

H You are going to read an article about protecting the environment. Five sentences have been removed from the article. Choose the most suitable sentence from the list (A-F) to fill each gap (1-4). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use. There is an example at the beginning.

- A We need trees because they produce oxygen which we all need to breathe.
- B Aerosols contain CFCs – chemicals which destroy the ozone layer.
- C Many people believe that whatever we do now is too little, too late.
- D We can stop using fossil fuels and use alternative sources of energy.
- E Cars produce carbon monoxide.
- F Governments can help, too.

Positive Action

Most people today know about global warming. They know our planet is in trouble. The weather is changing, the seas are rising and the ice caps are melting. Why is it then that nobody seems to be doing anything about it? Perhaps they don't know what to do?

There are lots of things we can do that will help. Firstly, we must stop using aerosols, such as hairspray and spray deodorants. 0 B The ozone layer is very important, as it filters the light from the sun. If we didn't have the ozone layer, the sun's light would be too dangerous for us.

In addition, we must use public transport instead of cars. 1 This is a very dangerous gas which pollutes the air. We must also stop pouring chemicals and waste into rivers and lakes, as this pollutes the water and kills the plants, fish and birds which live there.

Furthermore, we must stop cutting down trees and destroying the rainforests. 2 Also, if we cut down trees, we destroy the homes of animals and birds.

However, it will take more than just this to make any real changes. 3 They have to make car manufacturers, factories and oil companies promise to take positive action. They cause most of the pollution and do little to control it. We can help by writing to politicians and company directors asking them to reduce this. We can use our votes to elect people who promise to improve the situation and change things for the better.

Nevertheless, if all the factories closed today there would still be enough carbon dioxide in the air to keep the planet warm for centuries. 4 They don't see how small actions can improve the situation.

Clearly, it's going to take a long time for any changes to make a difference, so the sooner we start the better. If everyone tries to help, we could make our world a better place, for ourselves and for the children of the future.

TASK 2.

Reading

H You are going to read a magazine article about an underground town. Choose the most suitable heading from the list (A-F) for each part (1-4) of the article. There is one extra heading that you do not need to use. There is an example at the beginning.

- A More Attractive Underground
- B Happy to Live Underground
- C An Unusual Home
- D All the Mod Cons
- E Going Underground
- F Hidden Financial Advantages

Digging It Down Under

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The Harper family live in a large, comfortable home. Like many other houses, it has all modern conveniences. Unlike many other houses, it has no windows. The Harpers live in Coober Pedy, Australia, where two thirds of the population live underground.

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Coober Pedy is an opal-mining town in the Australian desert. Above ground, the town does not look very welcoming. The earth is red and dry under the scorching sun. There is a small number of shops and offices and a car park full of lorries carrying explosives. Scrap metal and machinery litter the ground so that visitors often feel as though they have landed on a lunar building site. Underground, however, it's a very different story. Beneath the parched, red earth is a town where around 3,500 people live and work. There are shops, hotels, restaurants, cafés and churches, all built underground to shelter from the extreme temperatures and violent dust storms of the desert.

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The underground dwellings at Coober Pedy range from cave-like dug-outs with only the most basic facilities, to luxurious caverns with beautiful furniture and state-of-the-art amenities. The Harper family home has three spacious bedrooms and a large living room. There is a modern bathroom and a kitchen with fitted units and

every electrical appliance imaginable, but the Harper children, Tom and Wendy, spend most of their time in the games room or the swimming pool! The house is clean and comfortable and the Harpers enjoy entertaining guests there. "People are always surprised when they see how normally we live," says Wendy. "I think they expect us to be like the Flintstones!"

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The Harpers' beautiful home is a result of their own hard work, as it was once just a small, two-room cave home. "The advantage of living underground is that, if you need another room, you just dig it!" says Mr Harper. "And the advantage of living in an opal-mining town is that you often find opals while you are extending your house!" Indeed, pock marks on the walls show where the Harpers found their fortune, and it seems that this is how many Coober Pedy families finance their home extensions. "Now there is plenty of room for the children to play," says Mr Harper. "Tom and Wendy can make as much noise as they want, because the walls are soundproof!"

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The underground homes at Coober Pedy offer an interesting way of life, as well as peace and quiet and relief from the desert sun. The Harper family are certainly content. "Life is so much simpler underground," says Wendy. "I can't imagine living anywhere else."

(Marks: $\frac{\quad}{20}$)
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Task 3. Choose the correct option to complete the article.

22-year-old Iris Palmer works for Gifford's Circus. She 1 _____ there for six months. It may seem surprising, but two years ago Iris 2 _____ a top model for Chanel. Today her circus outfit with a butterfly design is a far cry from the days when she only 3 _____ designer labels.

So why did she quit modelling? 'I remember 4 _____ quite nervous when I first started because I 5 _____ what to do,' she says. 'But it didn't take me long 6 _____ because there isn't much to modelling. Your whole career is based on 7 _____ you look like. After a while I got fed up with a 8 _____ shows. I don't regret 9 _____ it up at all.'

But why the circus? 'I 10 _____ interested in performance arts since I was small,' explains Iris. 'So when some family friends 11 _____ the circus last year, I asked them if there was anything I 12 _____ do.' Iris was given various jobs from mending costumes to 13 _____ the animals. 'I didn't know what to expect 14 _____ I started,' she admits. 'But I've done some jobs that I'd never dreamed of 15 _____ before.'

Although 16 _____ in a tent, often knee-deep in mud, lacks the glamour of her former profession, Iris embraced her new career with open arms. 'I've made more friends here than anywhere else,' she insists. In fact, Iris enjoys it so much that she 17 _____ a full-time career in the circus.

18 _____ to go to circus school,' she says. 'If I did gymnastics -- 19 _____ I have always wanted to do - I could move into dancing. The circus is my life now. I 20 _____ so happy.'

Task 4. Complete the text with the correct prepositions. Use these prepositions.

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Advertising plays an important part 1 _____ our everyday life. On average, people are exposed 2 _____ over 1,000 adverts a day - on television, in newspapers, on the radio or in the streets. You may think you decide 3 _____ what products you need, but advertisers know better. They shape our attitude 4 _____ what we consume.

Advertisements give a positive impression 5 _____ a brand through the images they use. For example, the images in sportswear adverts often stand 6 _____ strength and success, whereas perfume ads suggest you will be irresistible to other people. Ads also say 'buy this product and you will be part 7 _____ this group'. We often go 8 _____ the product which promotes the group we identify ourselves 9 _____, so teenagers might buy Calvin Klein rather than Chanel.