

UNIT 5 A

VOCABULARY: THE ENVIROMENT

1A  5.1 Match the highlighted words with pictures 1–6. Listen and check.

Studies have shown that because of ¹**climate change**, ²**heat waves** have become much more common across the globe. When a heat wave occurs during a **drought**, the situation is even worse, since the lack of rain can contribute to **wildfires**, too.

We need to reduce ³**energy consumption** because our use of ⁴**fossil fuels**, such as coal and oil, is negatively affecting the planet. These fuels increase the amount of ⁵**carbon dioxide** (CO₂) in the atmosphere, which makes the planet warmer. Governments worldwide have been trying to encourage people to use ⁶**environmentally friendly** sources of power such as **solar energy** and to buy ⁷**energy-efficient** household appliances.

Life in our oceans is disappearing fast, and the most ⁸**endangered species** include birds, turtles, fish, and dolphins. Plastic bags litter our seas and are extremely dangerous to marine **wildlife**. Recent estimates suggest that nearly 200 species are at risk because they eat these bags and other kinds of **litter**. Another problem, of course, is **toxic waste**, which contains dangerous chemicals and sometimes even radioactive material.



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B  **5.2** Match the **bold** words 1–8 in the text with definitions a–h. Listen and check.

- a periods of unusually hot weather _____
- b** a type of animal or plant that might disappear soon _____
- c using only a small amount of gas or electricity _____
- d** the gas formed when people burn carbon _____
- e not having a negative effect on the environment _____
- f** a long-term change in the planet's weather because of human activity _____
- g** fuels that form in the earth from dead plants or animals _____
- h** the amount of gas and electricity we use _____