

# Protecting the environment

A lot of scientists say <sup>1</sup> climate change has a negative <sup>2</sup> on life on Earth. Deforestation, greenhouse gases and the burning of fossil fuels, <sup>3</sup> other things, have led to the warming of our planet's climate. <sup>4</sup> the temperature rises, ice in the Arctic melts and threatens the natural habitat of polar bears, for example. <sup>5</sup> there are other endangered species <sup>6</sup> will die out if people don't act quickly. <sup>7</sup> from polar bears, animals like tigers and pandas are also <sup>8</sup> risk of extinction. Conservation projects in locations <sup>9</sup> these animals live or zoos can do a lot to save these amazing creatures <sup>10</sup> extinction.

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| 2  | affect | effect  |          |
| 3  | unless | among   | between  |
| 4  | Like   | From    | As       |
| 5  | But    | Because | Although |
| 6  | which  | what    | all      |
| 7  | Beside | Apart   | Due      |
| 8  | at     | of      | by       |
| 9  | what   | that    | where    |
| 10 | from   | of      | to       |

Fill in the gaps with suitable words. Be careful, there is an extra word that you don't need.

*acceptable - appearance - available - cool - electricity - environment - heating - high-rise - plastic - renovated - resource - standby - supply - warm*

There are lots of ways in which we can help protect our . We can save energy and reduce our bills in the long run, for example, if we buy energy saving light bulbs. Traditional light bulbs are disappearing from the shops in the European Union anyway, and soon only energy saving bulbs will be . Some people don't like them because they are not as bright as the old ones and the light goes on a lot more slowly when we switch them on. We can also save energy if we don't leave televisions, stereos and computers on but turn them off whenever we aren't using them. Turning the lights off when we are not in the room can also reduce bills. The fridge takes a lot of energy to keep things and you can help if you don't leave the door open or don't put anything hot inside. In many countries water is already in short . If you don't leave the tap running while brushing your teeth, or shower rather than have a bath, you can not only save money but also help save this important . Some shops do not give you shopping bags any more. You either have to buy and reuse bags, or you can use biodegradable plastic bags which don't harm the environment. Some of the prefabricated blocks of flats, which can be found in many towns and cities in Hungary, have undergone major renovation. Apart from making the of the building more , this renovation includes improving the insulation of the walls and windows and fitting solar panels on the roofs. Solar panels make electricity from sunlight and can be used to make hot water or run the central system. As a result, people who live in these blocks of flats have their bills considerably reduced.