

I. Listen to an audio clip about global warming and complete the letter with words or phrases from the audio.

Dear Editor,

CO2 emission is directly connected to the increase in _____ . Therefore we

need to concentrate on what we can do about it.

Relying less on fossil fuels can be achieved in the _____ because we have

already _____ economically from high energy consumption. But the

countries that are going through an _____ now cannot do the same.

We must use _____. We need more nuclear power stations because

by 2100 we will have used all of our _____ .

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II. Listen to two friends discussing environmental issues. Then complete the exercises.

1. Choose the FOUR true statements.

A. Matt is surprised by the amount of change happening to the planet caused by human activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Kate finds the article in National Geographic interesting, but she is skeptical about its claims.	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Matt questions whether global warming, deforestation, and the greenhouse effect are actual facts.	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Kate believes that people often accept environmental issues without considering all the available information.	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Matt is convinced that global warming is indeed occurring, citing evidence such as rising sea levels and worsening weather conditions.	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Kate thinks that the short period of climate data collection is insufficient to draw conclusions about climate change's long-term trends.	<input type="checkbox"/>
G. Kate suggests that current climate changes might be part of a natural cycle, and historical data spanning thousands of years is limited.	<input type="checkbox"/>
H. Matt believes that human activities like deforestation, overpopulation, and pollution have a destructive impact on the planet.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Choose the correct answers (A, B or C)

2. According to Kate, what is the main concern about the destruction of the Amazon rainforest?

- a) The loss of potential resources like timber and minerals.
- b) The threat it poses to various animal species and the environment.
- c) The interference with local indigenous communities.

3. How does Matt respond to Kate's statement about not interfering with nature?

- a) He agrees with her and believes that nature should be left undisturbed.
- b) He disagrees and points out the contradiction in her argument.
- c) He suggests that they should debate the issue further to find common ground.

4. What does Kate think about keeping endangered animals in zoos?

- a) She believes it is a good way to protect and preserve endangered species.
- b) She thinks it is an artificial and cruel way to save animals.
- c) She is indifferent and doesn't have a strong opinion about it.

5. What is the main idea behind Matt's argument about renewable energy sources?

- a) He believes that renewable energy sources are ineffective and costly.
- b) He thinks that using renewable energy sources will have a positive impact on the environment.
- c) He questions the need for renewable energy sources and prefers traditional methods.

Complete the following gaps using no more than three words.

6. Matt believes that it is crucial to start considering _____ energy sources like solar and wind as oil reserves are depleting.

7. Kate disagrees with the idea of returning to traditional energy sources like windmills, as she finds it _____ to expect people to adapt to such methods.

8. Matt worries that if the country doesn't plan for alternative energy, there might be a need to construct _____ in the future.

9. Kate is not concerned about the situation as she believes that solutions will be found, and she won't be _____ into panicking.

10. Despite her father working in a power plant, Kate reveals that he is a _____ and doubts the sincerity of those discussing rising gas and oil prices.