A Dramatic Increase in Garbage in the Arctic - LISTENING

Task 1

Listen and decide if the sentences are true /T/ or false /F/.

1. The amount of rubbish in the Arctic has drastically increased. **T** **F**
2. The garbage comes from different sources. **T** **F**
3. There are more and more tour boats because of a thick ice layer. **T** **F**
4. Rubbish has a significant influence on a marine life . **T** **F**

TASK 2

Listen again and complete the text.

There are very few people living in the Arctic. You would not expect to find much garbage there. Recently, however, some German researchers _____ a lot of plastic, glass and other waste in the sea there. They say that there is twenty times more garbage than compared to ten years ago.

The researchers are not exactly ____what is causing the increase in the amount of garbage there. It could be coming from very far away. Ocean _____can spread things over many kilometers. Another factor may be _____ . Ice cover in the Arctic has been shrinking. This has lead to more fishing and tour boats coming into the region. Some of the ____ could be coming from these sources.

Ocean garbage is dangerous. Fish and other animals can die. Animals often suffocate when they try to eat _____ . Also, it is not healthy for people who eat the fish.

Difficult words:

suffocate /ˈsʌfəkeɪt/ to die because there is no air to breathe; to kill somebody by not letting them breathe air

- *Many dogs have suffocated in hot cars.*
- *He put the pillow over her face and suffocated her.*

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