

A Circle the correct word.

Local news in brief

Thresham Valley under water?

Plans to turn much of the Thresham Valley into a large (1) **puddle** / **reservoir** to provide drinking water for the local area have received mixed reactions. Local councillors have praised the scheme, arguing that the environmental and economic benefits of (2) **flooding** / **pouring** the valley will far outweigh the disadvantages. Several small (3) **rural** / **urban** communities – two villages, three hamlets and two farms – in the valley will disappear, however.

Lucky escape for farmer

A farmer was struck by (4) **lightning** / **thunder** on Thursday evening, while mending a fence in one of his (5) **plains** / **fields**. The farmer, Jack Dobson, received treatment for slight burns at Meldew Hospital. Talking about the incident later, he said: 'It was (6) **drizzling** / **showering** slightly when I went out, but I'd checked the weather (7) **prediction** / **forecast** and it hadn't said there was going to be a thunderstorm. It was lucky I was wearing my wellington boots!'

Save bags and save money

Shoppers at a local supermarket are being urged not to throw away the supermarket's plastic shopping bags. A spokesperson for Asdo said: 'For every new bag we make, the factory has to pump out industrial (8) **waste** / **litter** and that's increasing pollution in the (9) **suburban** / **surrounding** area. We want to reduce the number of bags we make each year. We're offering a financial incentive to our customers to (10) **reuse** / **repeat** their bags by bringing them with them every time they shop with us rather than getting new ones each time.'

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Local academic causes a stir

An academic from Davington University has caused controversy by claiming that (11) **global / worldwide** warming is not caused by human disregard for the (12) **weather / environment**. In her new book entitled *Are We to Blame?*, Professor Angela Lucini argues that large-scale changes in the Mediterranean (13) **land / climate**, for example, have taken place ever since the world was formed. 'People weren't responsible for the Ice Ages, or their coming to an end, and we certainly weren't responsible for the fact the dinosaurs became (14) **extinct / endangered** so it's a bit presumptuous of us to think we're responsible for all the problems we're facing now, isn't it?' she said.

Councillor calls for an end to the fireplace

Local councillor Davina Forrest is calling for a ban on the use of coal fires at home. 'There's no doubt that if domestic chimneys stopped pumping out (15) **smoke / fog** into the atmosphere, the (16) **air / wind** we'd all be breathing would be much (17) **cleaner / clearer**,' she said.

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B Complete using the correct form of the phrasal verbs in the box.

call for • call off • clear up • cut off • die down • do up • face up to • put out

- 1 The weather should have by this evening, shouldn't it?
- 2 Do you think the wind has enough for us to go sailing without any danger?
- 3 Environmentalists are stricter controls on the use of leaded petrol.
- 4 Why can't they the fact that their products are bad for the environment?
- 5 Firefighters managed to the forest fire before it destroyed any houses.
- 6 We'll have to the demonstration if the weather's really bad, won't we?
- 7 The town was totally for three days because of the floods.
- 8 It didn't take us long to the old barn, did it?

C Write one word in each gap.

- 1 Don't throw those batteries They're not biodegradable!
- 2 Rainy days always me down.
- 3 Could you tell me what the letters 'CJD' stand ?
- 4 They're planning to tear the old cinema and build a new shopping centre on the land.
- 5 I think the rain's set for the day, don't you?
- 6 Some scientists put the extinction of the dinosaurs down changes in the world's climate.

E Circle the correct word.

- 1 The days of Athens being one of the most polluted cities in the world have **come / gone** to an end.
- 2 Their office is **at / on** the fifteenth floor.
- 3 The government's **made / done** a complete mess of its environmental policy.
- 4 It's so hot, I think I'm going to **do / have** a cold shower to cool down.
- 5 As usual, so-called nature lovers are **making / taking** a fuss about nothing.
- 6 I can't believe there's anyone in the **complete / whole** world who wants the hole in the ozone layer to get any bigger.
- 7 It looks **like / as** a large number of species will become extinct over the next decade.
- 8 You used to believe there really was a pot of gold **at / in** the end of every rainbow, didn't you?

G Each of the words in bold is in the wrong form. Rewrite them correctly.

- 1 Most scientists accept that **globe** warming is a reality.
- 2 The weather was **freeze**. I was wearing two pairs of gloves and my fingers were still cold!
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- 3 What can we do to protect **danger** species like the giant panda?
- 4 Meteorologists can forecast tomorrow's weather with incredible **accurate** these days.
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- 5 **Develop** are planning to build a water park on the site of the old airport.
- 6 All our products are **environment** friendly.
- 7 Everyone should be **extreme** worried about the hole in the ozone layer.
- 8 We live in a **resident** area about twenty minutes from the town centre.
- 9 There's not much **likely** of environmental groups stopping the building of the new factory,
is there?
- 10 Don't worry! This snake is completely **harm**.
- 11 Let's go outside and enjoy the **sunny** while it lasts.
- 12 What kind of **neighbour** did you grow up in?
- 13 I hope they don't **low** the price of petrol.
- 14 The **great** of solar power lies in its simplicity.
- 15 A number of different **pollute** in the river have caused the death of all the fish.
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- 16 It's **nature** dark for this time of day. They didn't say there was going to be an eclipse, did
they?

E Choose the correct answer.

- 35** There's been a in Germany and a village was completely destroyed.
A flood C shower
B drizzle D smog
- 36** Do you know what CFC ?
A sets in C stands for
B does up D gets down
- 37** Dinosaurs have been for millions of years.
A endangered C threatened
B extinct D disappeared
- 38** It's sunny, but there's a very cold so don't forget your coat.
A blowing C wind
B air D gas
- 39** If you ask me, waste is a much bigger problem than ordinary household waste.
A industrial C working
B business D employer
- 40** As towns grow, they tend to destroy the surrounding areas.
A urban C land
B commercial D rural
- 41** Jill put her wellington boots on and, as soon as it stopped raining, went out to play in the
A reservoirs C puddles
B lakes D ponds