

Exercise 3. Fill in the blanks with ONE word / number.

I don't know about you, but I think there are more natural (1) _____ now than before. Every time I turn on the news there's some kind of disaster. There are bushfires in Australia and California, (2) _____ in China, hurricanes in Mexico and droughts in Africa. I'm sure global warming is creating more natural disasters. I'm lucky. Where I live, we don't really have natural disasters. I've never (3) _____ anything like the things on TV. Japan has many natural disasters. They have earthquakes, typhoons, flooding, volcanoes, all kinds of things. They are lucky they have the money to deal with them. There are countries in Africa that aren't rich. When a natural disaster hits them, everyone suffers (4) _____.



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I really worry about our oceans. Not many people understand how important the oceans are. Every day we hear stories about the rainforests and the ice caps, but we (1) _____ hear about the oceans. They form most of the Earth's surface and most of the world's species live in them. They are (2) _____ for weather patterns and a lot of the world's foods. The problem is, they are becoming very (3) _____. Many fish species are in danger of dying. The coral reefs in our oceans are also in danger. We really need to think more about our oceans. We have to protect the life in them, or we might die. I love the ocean. I love the sound, the smell, the colour. I feel so happy and (4) _____ just looking at the ocean.

Exercise 5. Fill in the blanks with ONE word / number.

It's (1) _____ to think there wasn't any plastic one hundred years ago. Now it's everywhere. Almost everything that's made has some plastic in it. Whoever (2) _____ it must be really rich. There are all kinds of plastic. It's pretty useful stuff. I once went to an exhibition on plastic. I was shocked to see just how important it is in our



lives. Look around you and count how many things you see or have or are wearing that are made of plastic. One day, we'll need to find a (3) _____ for plastic. That's because oil will run out and plastic is made from oil. Maybe in the future there'll be plastic museums full of

(4) _____ plastic. People will buy antique plastic. I think I'll save some pens and plastic carrier bags. They might be worth something in the future.

Exercise 6. Fill in the blanks with ONE word / number.

I hate pollution. It makes me really angry. I think pollution is greed. People don't care about the (1) _____ so they pollute the air just to make lots of money. Big companies are the worst. They pretend they're not polluting. They have the money to say they are "green". Pollution (2) _____ us all. We are all less healthy because of companies that pollute the air or our rivers.

Everybody needs to think about how we can (3) _____ the amount of pollution we create. Not using the car when we can walk is one way. Turning off (4) _____ we don't need is another. Barack Obama says he's going to do his best to help the Earth. I really hope he does because if pollution gets any worse, we'll be in seriously big trouble.

