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47.1 Complete these commentaries from television nature documentaries with the correct form of phrasal verbs.

Here is this cold landscape of cliffs and stony beaches, these birds _____ (1) the many fish which are found offshore. Seals also _____ (2) the abundant fish stocks. It is hard to imagine that if global warming increases, these wonderful creatures may _____ (3) and never be seen again at this latitude. Sea levels will rise and _____ (4) the cliffs and rocky shores, _____ (5) their natural habitats forever. And, paradoxically, as the temperature and sea levels rise, some of the inland lakes may _____ (6) altogether, leaving an arid landscape.

These elegant creatures _____ (7) the higher branches of trees and eat the succulent leaves. In the course of their feeding, they often _____ the branches _____ (8) causing damage to the trees, and even more so by _____ (9) the youngest saplings altogether. Fortunately, nature always revives, and the destroyed and damaged trees _____ (10) new _____ (11) so that, in time, the forest renews itself. Only humans are the real enemy, _____ (12) the trees and _____ (13) the most precious plants to collect specimens, denuding the forest forever, and all for commercial gain.



47.2 Answer the questions using phrasal verbs or phrasal adjectives.

1. What would happen to a pond if the temperature dropped to -10°C ? It would _____.
2. What might happen to a shallow lake if the weather is very hot and there is no rain for a long time? It might _____.
3. What adjective can describe the sky when it is grey and covered in cloud? _____.
4. Why is the sea not always at the same place on a beach? Tide comes _____ and _____.
5. If the police suspect that bank robbers are hiding in a forest, what might dogs help them to do? Dogs might help them to _____ the robbers _____.

47.3 Write a phrasal verb at the end of the sentence with the same meaning as the underlined words.

1. As night fell, the stars **appeared**. _____
2. The sun **became hidden by a cloud** and the temperature fell suddenly. _____
3. Cats (both large and small) **lift** their young with their teeth to move them around. _____
4. It was lovely and sunny this morning but now the sky is **grey**. _____
5. Many wild animals and plants are on the verge of **becoming extinct**. _____

47.4 Complete the encyclopaedia entry, using phrasal verbs from the box in the correct form.

watch over	take over	move in	bring up	fend for	chase out
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In many places, grey squirrels have _____ (1) and _____ the native red squirrels _____ (2). They have then _____ (3) their territory. Many animals _____ (4) their young in a similar way to human parents, _____ (5) them till they are mature; others leave their young to _____ (6) themselves shortly after birth.