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6 Complete the text with the present simple or present continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

Population a (mean) means the number of people who live in a particular area. The population of the world b (not stay) _____ the same. At the moment it c (grow) _____ at an increasing rate. In fact, scientists d (believe) _____ that the world population will increase until 2200, and then stop growing. However, things are not the same in all parts of the world. At present in many Western industrial countries the population e (fall) _____. This f (happen) _____ because families are small, and health conditions are good. In developing countries, on the other hand, the population g (rise) _____ sharply. In Ghana, for example, most families h (have) _____ several children. Many children in Ghana i (die) _____ from illness, so it is important to have lots of children. They earn money for the family and j (look after) _____ their parents in old age.



GLOSSARY

7 Complete the sentence with the present simple or present continuous form of the verb in brackets.

a Everybody (know) knows that the world's rainforests (disappear) are disappearing.

b Although rainforests (cover) _____ only six per cent of the Earth's land surface, they (contain) _____ about 50% of all species of life on the planet.

c They also (remove) _____ carbon dioxide (CO_2) from the air and (produce) _____ oxygen (O_2).

d As they are important, why (they / vanish) _____ ?

e Most scientists (agree) _____ that there are two main reasons.

f First of all, the way of life in these forests (change) _____

g In some forests, big companies (cut) _____ down more and more trees (deforestation) and (cause) _____ damage to the land.

h In other places, another kind of deforestation (happen) _____

i Here farmers (burn) _____ more and more of the forest and (use) _____ the land to feed cattle.

j Now that governments (understand) _____ the problem, they (begin) _____ to control these activities.

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