

## Verbs

to avoid, avoided

to destroy, destroyed

to warn, warned

## Vocabulary

survival

earthquake

disposable

destructive

consumerism

ozone layer

biodegradable

carbon footprint

renewable

oil spill

marine life

wildlife

atmosphere

scarcely



## Expressions

on no occasion

never before

not since

only after



## Grammar

**They had never** been accused of anything **before**.

**Never before had we** been accused of anything.

**We haven't** had guests **since** Christmas.

**Not since** Christmas **have we** had guests.



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## Input

The earthquake **destroyed** the village.

My neighbor's dog **destroys** everything.

Driving carefully will always help to **avoid** accidents.

I don't know why, but she's been **avoiding** me.

I'm pretty sure I **warned** them about this.

They have been **warned** several times.

Pollution in the cities has been **scarcely** reduced.

It may take years to recover the marine life after an **oil spill**.

The **ozone layer** protects us from harmful radiation.

Their **survival** depends on our action.

These products are made from **biodegradable** plastic.

The forest **wildlife** is in danger of extinction.

Have you ever calculated your **carbon footprint**?

Here we only use **renewable** resources.

I **haven't seen** him **since** the launch of his book.

**Not since** the launch of his book **have I seen** him.

**Never before had they** used this boat.

**They had never** used this boat.



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Be careful!



## Activities

### A. Answer the questions in English.

1. What should we never do with disposable plastic?
2. How does the ozone layer protect us?
3. What has been scarcely reduced in cities according to the text?
4. Not since when have marine life been affected by oil spills?
5. What do we only use to reduce our carbon footprint?

### B. Translate the sentences into English.

1. Nunca antes os cientistas haviam descoberto essa espécie rara.
2. Em nenhuma ocasião devemos ignorar os avisos ambientais.
3. Só depois de promover energia renovável a fábrica reduziu sua pegada de carbono.
4. Desde o último terremoto, a cidade sofreu grandes danos.
5. Eles têm evitado jogar plástico descartável nos rios.

**C. Translate the sentences into Portuguese.**

1. Only after warning the community did they take action.
2. The earthquake destroyed several villages.
3. Their survival depends on our immediate action.
4. We haven't had guests since Christmas.
5. Never before had they used this boat.

**Text – Environmental Awareness and Actions**

Never before had the city faced such destructive pollution. On no occasion should we ignore the warnings about the ozone layer and the effects of consumerism. The earthquake destroyed several villages last year, and their survival depended on quick action. Not since the oil spill have marine life and wildlife been so threatened. Only after organizing cleanups and using renewable resources did the community notice improvements. People have been avoiding disposable plastics and promoting biodegradable products. Pollution has been scarcely reduced, and everyone should calculate their carbon footprint to understand their environmental impact. They had never been accused of neglecting environmental responsibilities before, but now they respond immediately.

**D. Choose the right alternative.**

1. **What had never happened before in the city?**
  - a) The use of renewable resources
  - b) Destructive pollution
  - c) Marine life recovery
  - d) Community cleanups

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**2. What should never be ignored according to the text?**

- a) Renewable energy
- b) Warnings about the ozone layer
- c) Biodegradable products
- d) Oil spills

**3. What action did the community take to see improvements?**

- a) Ignoring disposable plastics
- b) Organizing cleanups and using renewable resources
- c) Destroying villages
- d) Calculating carbon footprints

**4. How has pollution been reduced?**

- a) Considerably
- b) Scarcely
- c) Quickly
- d) Not at all

**5. What have people been avoiding according to the text?**

- a) Renewable energy
- b) Disposable plastics
- c) Marine life
- d) Carbon footprints

**E. Listening.**

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