Vocabulary from the text

1 Replace the underlined words in the sentences below with words in the list in their correct form: *evolve, resemble, grave, capture, hang on, peculiar.* CHECK

1 These beautiful animals have <u>caught</u> the imagination of writers.

2 They <u>changed form and developed into different forms</u> a long time ago.

3 Their appearance is very <u>strange</u>.

4 Their eyes <u>look like</u> a chameleon's.

5 They usually <u>hold on</u> to sea grass.

6 The Knysna seahorse is in <u>very serious</u> danger.

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capture (v): to catch
e.g. Hunters **captured** a deer and put it in a cage.

evolve (v): to gradually change and develop into sth different
e.g. A caterpillar **evolves** into a beautiful butterfly.

grave (adj): serious
e.g. Many animal species are in **grave** danger due to deforestation.

hang on (phr v): to hold on to sth
e.g. Sea anemone or flowers of the sea **hang on** to rocks in the sea with their tentacles.

peculiar (adj): strange or unusual
e.g. The Great Barrier Reef in Australia is home to **peculiar** sea creatures.

resemble (v): to look like, to be similar to
e.g. Although alligators **resemble** crocodiles, they have distinct differences.

2 Fill in: **CHECK**

refrain   destroy   prevent   damage   avoid

1 Please _____ from eating too much chocolate. It's bad for the teeth. ○

2 When hiking, wear boots if you want to _____ being bitten by a snake. ○

3 We humans will completely _____ the Amazon rainforest if we are not careful. ○

4 Acid rain can cause a lot of _____ to forests. ○

5 Wearing sunscreen will _____ you from getting sunburnt. ○

3 Fill in: **CHECK**

in   at   without   to

1 Dinosaurs have been extinct for _____ least 65 million years. ○

2 _____ a doubt, Einstein was one of the greatest scientists ever. ○

3 In humans, skeletal muscles are attached _____ bones. ○

4 Cats usually give birth _____ between one and eight kittens. ○

5 Male seahorses are the only creatures _____ the animal kingdom that give birth _____ ○ babies.

6 Many plant and animal species are _____ danger of extinction. ○

2b   Vocabulary

Environmental problems

Match the environmental problems (A-H) to the pictures (1-8). **CHECK**

🎧 **A**   deforestation
🎧 **B**   forest fire
🎧 **C**   air pollution
🎧 **D**   melting ice caps
🎧 **E**   endangered species
🎧 **F**   landfills full of rubbish
🎧 **G**   oil spill
🎧 **H**   water pollution

Environmental Problems

1 ⬜ ⚪	disappearing forests
2 ⬜ ⚪	endangered animals
3 ⬜ ⚪	polluted beaches
4 ⬜ ⚪	energy waste
5 ⬜ ⚪	air pollution
6 ⬜ ⚪	global water shortage
7 ⬜ ⚪	landfills full of rubbish

Solutions

a turn off lights when we don't need them

b use taps carefully

c use public transport

d recycle rubbish

e clean up the coastline

f stop hunting them

g plant trees

Prepositional phrases

Choose the correct preposition in bold.
Check in the Word List.

1 A lot of animals are **at/in risk** of extinction.

2 We must **protect** habitats **of/from** disappearing.

3 You can help **save** animals **of/from** extinction.

4 Seahorses **rely on/with** camouflage to **hide of/from** predators.

5 'Wildlife' means animals living **at/in the wild**.