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 caught the imagination of writers.

2 They changed form and developed into different forms a long time ago.

3 Their appearance is very strange.

4 Their eyes look like a chameleon's.

5 They usually hold on to sea grass.

6 The Knysna seahorse is in very serious danger.

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.*

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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.

b 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



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Environmental Problems	Solutions
1 ☐ disappearing forests	a turn off lights when we don't need them
2 ☐ endangered animals	b use taps carefully
3 ☐ polluted beaches	c use public transport
4 ☐ energy waste	d recycle rubbish
5 ☐ air pollution	e clean up the coastline
6 ☐ global water shortage	f stop hunting them
7 ☐ landfills full of rubbish	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**.

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