

Unit 6

A Complete the text with these words.

drilling elements fair mine migrated pollute reliance soil sufficient harvest

Thasos is one of the most beautiful, albeit less known islands of Greece. Besides the natural beauty of the landscape and the ¹ _____ weather, the island also has a rich history. There is evidence of people having ² _____ from the mainland ever since prehistoric times. A visitor to the prehistoric settlement will have the opportunity to see how the early inhabitants used to build shelters to protect themselves from the ³ _____. Later, the inhabitants took advantage of the rich ⁴ _____ to produce the olives, honey and nuts the island is famous for. They also used to ⁵ _____ the northern side of the mountain for marble, while the naturally forming salt pits in the south produced ⁶ _____ amounts of edible sea salt to make it a booming business. Today it is not only an increasingly popular tourist destination, but it is also considered one of the most important areas for the economic growth of the country as there is already one company ⁷ _____ for oil just off the coast. Wind turbines are also being built to ⁸ _____ the power of the wind, in the hope of producing electric power that does not ⁹ _____ the environment. This should help end the country's ¹⁰ _____ on fossil fuels that are for the most part imported and draining its already scarce financial resources.

B Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

- 1 In Mediterranean countries in summer, the hot midday sun beating _____ can make walking tours unbearable.
- 2 It was pretty cloudy this morning, but it cleared _____ fast.
- 3 People can no longer pretend that they are unaware _____ the impact their actions have on the environment.
- 4 You are advised _____ drinking tap water when travelling to a place you don't know well, in case of contamination.
- 5 It was raining earlier. We'd better wait for it to dry _____ before we take the dogs to the park.
- 6 The weather here is very unpredictable – one minute it's sunny and the next it's bucketing _____!
- 7 Unfortunately, it seems that organic farming isn't always a viable alternative _____ traditional farming methods.
- 8 I don't understand their insistence _____ building the landfill here where they will have to destroy such a large part of the forest.
- 9 There were huge delays as the planes couldn't take off until the storms blew _____.
- 10 We were in the middle of the sea when the storm blew _____. It's amazing that we managed to get back safely.
- 11 The lights and noise from the beachfront clubs and hotels interfere _____ the turtles' reproduction cycles.
- 12 I find it appalling how indifferent so many people are _____ the suffering of stray animals.

C Choose the correct answers.

- 1 James is such a reckless driver, he was ___ to have an accident sooner or later.
a bound b able c capable
- 2 Do you think you ___ lend me a hand in the garden?
a must b might c ought
- 3 Katie is so good with animals; she ___ become a vet.
a should b ought c would
- 4 We ___ have been able to see the coast by now; I'm starting to get worried.
a must b should c will
- 5 You ___ have bought cat food; we already had enough to last till the end of the month.
a mustn't b needn't c couldn't

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6 People ____ eat meat; we can get all the nutrients we need from plants.
a mustn't b can't c don't have to

7 I told Tom it was his responsibility to walk the dog, but he just ____ do it.
a mustn't b shouldn't c won't

8 You ____ help out at the animal shelter since you've got so much free time.
a could b would c need

D Complete the sentences with a modal or perfect modal verb and the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1 I _____ (show) you how to plan a garden on your balcony if you had asked me.

2 We _____ (not be) out of water; the tank was full this afternoon.

3 I _____ (water) the garden this morning as it started raining shortly afterwards.

4 Jordan has already fed the animals, so you _____ (not do) it again today.

5 I hope this project _____ (inspire) my students to become more active in the community.

6 The rubbish has been collected from the streets; the workers _____ (end) their strike.

7 You _____ (tell) me you were bringing a guest for dinner; I'm not sure we have enough for everyone.

8 I'm sure this tree _____ (be) at least one hundred years old; look at how thick it is!