# 4 A right to fight

## Vocabulary Disappearing worlds

### V The environment

**1 Choose the correct words.**

1 The Kiribati government is buying land in Fiji so its 113,000 people can **spread / relocate** before sea levels rise.
2 It's not fair that the public has to pay to clean up land **contaminated / evacuated** by private companies.
3 Some communities in the Himalayas have been **devastated / died out** by rainstorms.
4 Roads and bridges are increasingly being **relocated / washed away** in heavy rainstorms.
5 We need to **preserve / survive** what's left of our natural environment before it disappears.
6 In 2012, 33,000 people in Guatemala were **evacuated / washed away** from their homes when a volcano erupted.
7 In hot, dry weather, forest fires can **contaminate / spread** faster than a human can run.
8 If bees **relocated / died out**, a lot of the food we eat would disappear as a result.

### V insight Prefixes: *semi-, under-, over-, re-, co-, inter-*

**2 Complete the words with the correct prefixes below.**

re · inter · over (×2) · co · semi

1 I like travelling by rail, but unfortunately the trains are often ____crowded.
2 I thought I'd lost my printer icon, and then it suddenly ____appeared on my desktop!
3 Schools should show how important it is to ____-operate with people instead of always competing.
4 Home education has many advantages, but the children don't learn how to ____act with other children.
5 This pasta is really soft – you've ____cooked it!
6 We live in a ____-detached house, so I have to practise my drums when the neighbours are out!

**3 Complete the sentences with the words in brackets and the correct prefix.**

1 I think nurses are _____ (paid) – they deserve more money for the difficult and important work they do.
2 The last paragraph of your essay needs to be _____ (written) so that it makes a better conclusion.
3 I think his films are _____ (rated). They're not as good as most people think they are.
4 I love the _____ (action) between Sherlock Holmes and Watson in the new TV series.
5 The problem with many young people today is that they are _____ (educated) but don't have any work experience.

### V Global issues

**4 Match global issues 1–8 to nouns a–h.**

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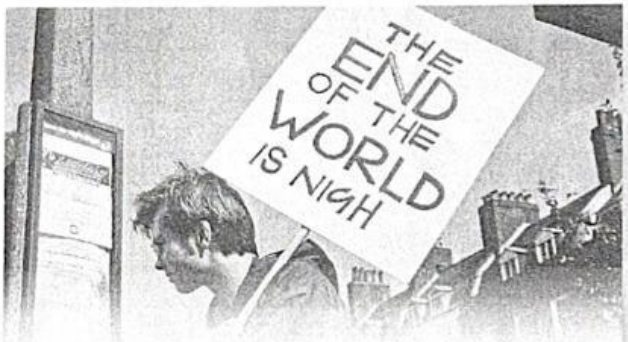
| 1 deforestation | a money |
| 2 disease | b rain |
| 3 drought | c jobs |
| 4 famine | d trees |
| 5 floods | e cities |
| 6 poverty | f virus |
| 7 unemployment | g food |
| 8 urbanization | h rivers |

**5 Complete the text with the words below.**

overcrowded · climate change · overspending · interacting · survive · disease · drought · urbanization · famine · rethink · flooding · global issues · spread · relocate




Optimists say that humans will always find a way to [1] _____, despite all the difficult [2] _____ we face today. Pessimists looking for the end of the world can choose from many options. [3] _____ means that long, hot periods of [4] _____ will become more frequent in many parts of the world, resulting in [5] _____, while the opposite problem of [6] _____ will also force people to [7] _____ to other parts of the world. The possibility that viruses will [8] _____ new and deadly types of [9] _____ becomes ever more likely, with increased [10] _____ meaning that most people live in [11] _____ cities. We cannot spend our way out of these problems easily any more because of our economic problems, a result of too many years of [12] _____. But perhaps this will make us [13] _____ what is important in life, and learn to get satisfaction from [14] _____ with nature and each other instead of always thinking about money.



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