

## PART II VOCABULARY FOCUS

1. Complete the following sentences with a word or expression from the box.

<b>biodegrade</b>	<b>fossil fuel</b>	<b>rainforest</b>	<b>desertification</b>	<b>polluter</b>
<b>wildlife</b>	<b>global warming</b>	<b>sustainable</b>	<b>greenhouse effect</b>	<b>extinction</b>
<b>natural resources</b>	<b>solar energy</b>	<b>greenhouse gas</b>	<b>recycle</b>	<b>extinction</b>

1. A large international meeting was held with the aim of promoting \_\_\_\_\_ development in all countries.
2. Many species of plants and animals are threatened with \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We installed panels on the roof so that we can use \_\_\_\_\_ to make electricity.
4. If oil pollution occurs in the ocean, it remains; it does not \_\_\_\_\_ as quickly as it would in a warmer climate.
5. We need a global system for limiting \_\_\_\_\_ emissions.
6. Do you think that these higher-than-average temperatures are attributable to \_\_\_\_\_?
7. The region's third-largest industrial \_\_\_\_\_ reduced its emissions by about a third.
8. The Amazon river basin contains the world's largest tropical \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Their work involves restoring and recreating \_\_\_\_\_ habitats all across the country.
10. The law requires us to \_\_\_\_\_ paper products, glass bottles, soda cans, and some kinds of plastic.
11. Trees help to prevent \_\_\_\_\_, as well as providing shade and firewood.
12. Economists consider that the region is rich in \_\_\_\_\_ but has suffered from years of under investment.
13. The impression given is that \_\_\_\_\_ use will continue to rise, and that coal is still used for heating.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ is an increase in the amount of carbon dioxide and other gases in the atmosphere, that is believed to be the cause of a gradual warming of the surface of the earth.

2. Choose the best word which completes each of these sentences.

1. Haller Park in Kenya is a nature reserve, a place where \_\_\_\_\_ animals are protected.  
*a. dangerous                      b. under danger                      c. endangered                      d. precarious*
2. Lots of fruit trees \_\_\_\_\_ in spring.  
*a. shrink                      b. blossom                      c. wither                      d. fade*
3. This company has \_\_\_\_\_ friendly policies.  
*a. environmentalist                      b. environment                      c. globally                      d. environmentally*
4. He was caught in a heavy \_\_\_\_\_ on the way home and got soaked to the bone.  
*a. downpour                      b. drizzle                      c. mist                      d. breeze*
5. A tree's \_\_\_\_\_ go a long way underground.  
*a. trunks                      b. roots                      c. twigs                      d. branches*
6. \_\_\_\_\_ trees have green flat leaves which come out in spring, and are generally shed in autumn.  
*a. bush                      b. shrub                      c. coniferous                      d. deciduous*
7. How do some species of birds in \_\_\_\_\_ perform their wonderful, graceful, synchronized movements?  
*a. crowds                      b. flocks                      c. herds                      d. swarms*
8. Animals fed when young on milk from the mother's body are \_\_\_\_\_.  
*a. mammals                      b. reptiles                      c. herbivorous                      d. crustaceans*
9. Rabbits and mice are \_\_\_\_\_.  
*a. amphibians                      b. carnivores                      c. marsupials                      d. rodents*
10. Oil spills are common, as is the dumping of toxic industrial \_\_\_\_\_.  
*a. litter                      b. wastes                      c. rubbish                      d. refuse*

11. The city council aims to gradually \_\_\_\_\_ vehicle use in the city on high pollution days.  
*a. keep out                      b. put by                      c. cut down                      d. drop out*
12. It is widely accepted that pollution \_\_\_\_\_ humans, the environment, and buildings.  
*a. injures                      b. hurts                      c. wounds                      d. harms*
13. A long period when there is no rain and when the land is dry is called a \_\_\_\_\_.  
*a. flood                      b. drought                      c. hurricane                      d. earthquake*
14. Every cloud has its silver \_\_\_\_\_.  
*a. lightning                      b. rainbow                      c. thunder                      d. lining*

**3. Choose the correct word.**

1. Coral reefs and mangrove swamps provide invaluable **protection / conservation** from cyclones and tsunamis for those living on coasts, while trees can absorb air pollution in urban areas.
2. These dog **breeds / species** are known for watchful dogs who have excellent recall and obedience skills.
3. The largest surviving land-animals have an average **lifespan / age** of 70 years and a recent Zimbabwean study has found that female African elephants can potentially remain fertile until their death.
4. Birds may often cause severe damage **to / on** fruit or agricultural crops, and for several reasons the incidence of damage seems to be increasing.
5. Peacocks use their beautiful tails to attract **mates / males**.
6. Animals would produce more young **at / in** the wild than they do in captivity.
7. The environmental group is demanding a complete prohibition against the hunting **in / of** whales.
8. Poaching and trafficking of rhino horns still prevents the species from recovering to early 20th-century levels and put them **in / on** danger of extinction.
9. The impacts of pesticides **to / on** wildlife are extensive, and expose animals in urban, suburban, and rural areas to unnecessary risks.
10. Roughly 1 million species of animals and plants worldwide are **on / at** the verge of extinction, warns a new UN Report.
11. A **dark / black** hole is a region in space where the force of gravity is so strong that nothing, not even light, can escape from it.
12. Temperatures have **risen / raised** over the past few days. The temperature is almost 80 degrees, and the humidity 35%.
13. At night, adult scorpions prowl the **desert / dessert** for insects.
14. Human beings aim to reduce their carbon **footprint / foot-trace** by using less cars.

**SELF-CHECK**

<i>Natural world/ Environment Vocabulary</i>	<b>Word patterns</b>
animals – carnivore, herbivore, mammal, predator, prey, reptile;	be aware of
breed, species; herd, flock, litter, pack, school, swarm	be considerate of
climate – weather, climate change/ global warming	be famous/known for
desert/ hill/ field/land/mountain/ plain	be short of/on
develop/construct/build	be similar to
environmental damage – acid rain, carbon dioxide, deforestation,	be worried about
greenhouse effect, landfill, oil spill, ozone hole	become extinct
extinct/endangered/be in danger	know about
forecast/prediction	protect from
green living – biodegradable, disposable, eco-friendly, energy-	take care of
saving, environmentally friendly, ozone-friendly, sustainable	take into account
development	the defence of
natural disasters – drought, earthquake, flood, hurricane, landslide,	worry about
tornado, tsunami	
ocean/sea/lake/reservoir/pond/puddle	
plants – branch, leaf, petal, root, seed, thorn, trunk	

<p>prevent/impede  protect/defend  recycle/reuse  rubbish/trash/waste/refuse/litter/garbage  weather – avalanche, blizzard, dew, downpour, drizzle, hail,  lightning, raindrop, rainfall, thaw, thunder</p>	
<p><b>Phrasal verbs</b>  better/clean  call for – require  call off – cancel  clear up – when the weather becomes  cut down (on) – reduce  cut down (trees) – chop trees down  cut out – stop using/doing  die out – when all of smth dies  face up to – accept as true  give off – emit (fumes etc.)  look after – take care of  put down to – suggest that smth is the result of smth  stand for – represent smth  stand up for – defend/protect  throw away – get rid of/put in the bin</p>	<p><b>Word formation</b>  clear – clearly, clearance  contaminate – contaminated,  contamination  danger – dangerous(ly), endanger(ed)  defend – defence  develop – developed, developing,  development  extinct – extinction  famous – famously  nature – (un)natural, naturally  pollute – polluted, pollution  prevent – prevention  protect – protected, protection</p>
<p><b>Fixed phrases</b>  a means by which  by accident  by chance  by no means  in no time  on purpose  set a fire</p>	<p><b>Idioms</b>  be bucketing it down – rain a lot  face the facts – accept reality  rain cats and dogs – rain a lot  to be a guinea pig  turn a blind eye – not take notice of  something</p>