

1. What are the most crucial global problems these days?

2. What are the main causes of them?

3. How much do you know about global warming?

Ex 1. Decide if the facts about global warming are true or false:

- Global warming is the **gradual** increases in the average temperature of **the earth's atmosphere**, and is caused by **harmful gases**. (T)
- Many **environmentalists** believe that most of this **pollution** is the result of animal activity. (F)
- As the ice at the **poles melts**, sea levels could **rise** by almost a meter in the next century. (T)
- Global warming is a joke made up by environmental organizations, which they use as a way to raise money. (F)
- There will be more **extreme** and **unpredictable** weather, e.g. heatwaves or floods. (T)
- The earth will become even warmer because the **rainforests** are **disappearing**. (T)
- Global warming is not dangerous because atmosphere has a tendency to a fast renewal and the holes in the atmosphere will disappear soon. (F)
- **Famine** and **disease** will **spread**, and this will especially **affect** people in poor countries. (T)
- Global warming can harm only the parts of the world, which are situated close to the **equator**. (F)

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Ex 2. Choose the best ending for each sentence.

Waste, pollution, recycling, global warming, rubbish, exhaust fumes, shortage, smog

- a) In cities the air is hard to breathe because of car _____. (exhaust fumes)
- b) The earth's climate is changing because of _____. (global warming)
- c) Not having enough of something is called a _____. (shortage)
- d) Air, sea and land can suffer from _____. (pollution)
- e) Throwing things away unnecessarily is called _____. (waste)
- f) A mixture of smoke and fog is called _____. (smog)
- g) Things which we throw away are called _____. (rubbish)
- h) To avoid wasting things we can use _____. (recycling)

Ex 3. Choose the correct answer

The threat to the Environment

Nowadays people are more aware that wildlife all over the world is in (1)_____. Many (2)_____ of animals are threatened, and could easily become (3)_____ if we do not make an effort to (4)_____ them. There are many reasons for this. In some cases, animals are (5)_____ for their fur or for other valuable parts of their bodies. Some birds, (6)_____ as parrots, are caught (7)_____ and sold as pets. For many animals and birds, the problem is

that their habitat – the (8)_____where they live - Is (9)_____. More (10)_____ is used for farms, for houses or industry, and there are fewer open (11)_____than there once were. Farmers use powerful chemicals to help them grow better (12)_____but these chemicals pollute the environment and (13)_____wildlife. The most successful animals on earth - human beings - will soon be the only ones (14)_____unless we can (15)_____this problem.

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| 1. A danger | B threat | C problem | B |
| 2. A marks | B more | C species | |
| 3. A disappeared | B vanished | C extinct | |
| 4. A harm | B safe | C protect | |
| 5. A hunted | B chased | C game | |
| 6. A like | B such | C or | |
| 7. A lively | B alive | C for life | |
| 8. A spot | B point | C place | |
| 9. A exhausting | B departing | C disappearing | |
| 10. A earth | B land | C soil | |
| 11. A spaces | B air | C up | |
| 12. A products | B fields | C crops | |
| 13. A spoil | B harm | C wound | |
| 14. A survived | B left | C missing | |
| 15. A answer | B calculate | C solve | |

Ex 4. Circle the correct word.

1. Ice is a solid/liquid.
2. How does the situation effect/affect you?
3. It's all very predictable/unpredictable; you never know what's going to happen.
4. My brother studies the environment/an environmentalist.
5. Global warming is caused by people/human activity.
6. Eat your ice cream quickly - it's spreading/melting.
7. Water is a liquid/gas.
8. The rainforest is gradually disappearing/melting.
9. There are harmful gases in the atmosphere/effect.

Ex 5. Discuss questions about you and your country

1. How worried are you about global warming?
2. Do you have rainforests in your country? If so, what is happening to them?
3. Has the climate changed in recent years in your country? If so, how?
4. Which human activities do you think are harming the environment most?
5. What kind of pollution is common in your country?