

Environmental problems

1 Complete the texts. Choose from the words in the boxes.

drought • earthquake • flooding • hurricane • tsunami • volcanic eruption

alive • bodies • debris • drowned • mud • rescue (n) • safety • search (n) • shell-shocked • survivors

After the ¹_____ that hit Florida last night, the scene in many coastal areas is one of devastation. The winds and rain have destroyed thousands of homes and have blown down electricity and telephone lines. ²_____ lies everywhere, and will take many months to remove.

Parts of southern Africa are suffering their worst ³_____ for 30 years as this is their second year without rainfall. Many of their animals have died, and those that are ⁴_____ are extremely thin. Children are not getting enough food either, and their ⁵_____ show the effects of malnutrition.

There has been ⁶_____ after three days of very heavy rain. At least ten people have ⁷_____ in the fast-flowing waters. Many people have had to climb onto their rooftops. ⁸_____ teams are getting to them by helicopter and taking them to ⁹_____.

The region was hit by a powerful ¹⁰_____ last night. In one town hundreds of buildings collapsed and the emergency services have been working non-stop to find ¹¹_____ in the rubble. Their ¹²_____ will continue all through the night.

2 Put the letters in the correct order to complete the sentences.

- 1 The rain was *talonertir* _____. We had one month's rainfall in one day.
- 2 The *snorgt* _____ winds blew the roofs off many houses.
- 3 We were really *thingfreed* _____ when we knew the tsunami was coming.
- 4 It was absolutely *nytfiriger* _____ when the house started to collapse.
- 5 After the volcanic eruption, the whole area was completely *settavedad* _____.
- 6 Thousands of people are now *sheeloms* _____ as their houses were destroyed in the earthquake.
- 7 After the heavy rain, we were very *esnaphepriev* _____ because we knew the river might burst its banks.
- 8 The noise of the water and rocks coming down the mountain was *feedingan* _____.

3 Complete the sentences with nouns made from the words in brackets.

- 1 The _____ (deliver) of emergency aid to the flood victims has been delayed by bad weather.
- 2 We need to get food to these people to ensure their _____ (survive).
- 3 Climate change is threatening the _____ (exist) of many species.
- 4 The _____ (operate) to remove the debris left by the hurricane has just begun.
- 5 We have got used to earthquakes because of their _____ (frequent) in our country.
- 6 I got a lot of _____ (enjoy) from reading the stories about his adventures.
- 7 The _____ (dispose) of large waste items like pieces of furniture is organised by your local council.
- 8 Looking at this scene of _____ (devastate), it is hard to imagine the town that was once here.
- 9 The rescue teams are working with great _____ (urgent) as they know that people will die without their help.
- 10 The _____ (occur) of tropical storms this year has been lower than usual.

Vocabulary



4 Read the texts and match the words with the definitions.

The north-eastern part of the country is still badly affected by the tropical cyclone which hit a month ago. The winds and floods caused widespread damage to homes and farms, and led to the displacement of thousands of people. Help has arrived in the form of donations of food, medicines and shelter, and following the government's approval of the plans, the construction of new homes has begun. However, aid organisations are still having difficulty reaching all the victims. A lot of debris is still blocking many roads and until it is removed, some areas will remain inaccessible. Because of this, it is impossible to assess the full extent of the damage with any accuracy.

After days of heavy rain, a landslide buried around 200 homes in one town in up to 30 metres of mud. Those houses that remain are severely damaged and there is total silence in what is now a ghost town. The survivors have been taken to an accommodation centre, where they are recovering from their ordeal. The disaster will put pressure on the government to reconsider proposals for preventing landslides, which have become more frequent in recent years.

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|--------------|---|
| 1 cyclone | A someone who has suffered the effects of violence, illness or bad luck |
| 2 widespread | B a place that protects you from bad weather or danger |
| 3 shelter | C to cover something completely with a large quantity of something else |
| 4 victim | D affecting a lot of places or people |
| 5 assess | E to judge the amount, value, quality, etc. of something |
| 6 landslide | F a mass of rock and earth that moves quickly down a steep slope |
| 7 severely | G a violent tropical storm in which the air moves very fast in a circular direction |
| 8 bury | H very seriously |

5 Find nouns in the texts in Exercise 6 and match them with the verbs and adjectives.

Verbs	Adjectives
1 displace _____	8 accurate _____
2 donate _____	9 difficult _____
3 construct _____	10 silent _____
4 approve _____	
5 accommodate _____	
6 propose _____	
7 govern _____	

6 Complete the sentences with the correct form of words from Exercises 6 and 7.

- 1 Many of the survivors have been _____ injured, or have not eaten for days.
- 2 We would be interested in hearing _____ for the sustainable development of this area.
- 3 The _____ has traumatised the local community because it has killed hundreds of people and covered a large area in mud.
- 4 Please send your _____ to help the _____ of the earthquake. Fifty euros can provide food and clean water for a family for a week.
- 5 The main _____ facing the farmers is that their crops have all been washed away.
- 6 The families have tents as _____ from the sun, but these are not adequate for the winter.
- 7 The hurricane has caused _____ flooding in many coastal areas.
- 8 Fortunately, scientists can predict volcanic eruptions with greater _____ than in the past.
- 9 When the hurricane had passed, the noise stopped and there was total _____.
- 10 We need to get the _____ of the building inspector before we can reopen the school.

Vocabulary



7 Put the letters in the correct order to complete the sentences.

- 1 We're going to need a lot of **oadrdrcab** _____ boxes when we move house.
- 2 The **slasg** _____ bottles go in the green containers.
- 3 How many **tisebatre** _____ does this radio need?
- 4 The walls of the new room have been covered in **taasbeodrrlp** _____.
- 5 Cars are mostly made of **mumilinau** _____ and different types of **saptlci** _____ these days.
- 6 You can use **grancoitweas** _____ to make compost for your garden.
- 7 Are these **tinpascna** _____ made of aluminium as well?
- 8 I only made five photocopies because I didn't want to waste **prepa** _____.
- 9 We started a fire on the beach with some old **bimtre** _____.

8 Match the verbs with the definitions.

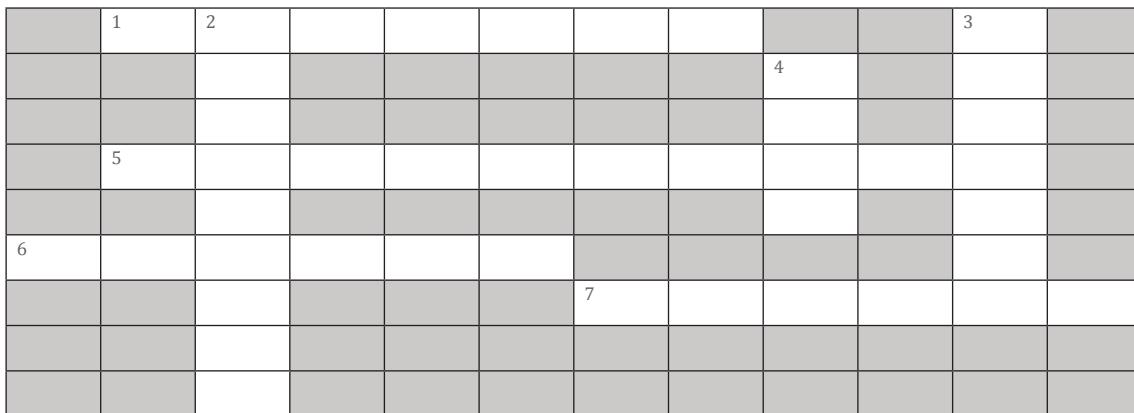
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| 1 throw away | A burn something completely |
| 2 erode | B make something less pure or more poisonous |
| 3 plant | C hurt or damage something |
| 4 contaminate | D put a plant or tree into the ground |
| 5 destroy | E get rid of or dispose of something you don't want |
| 6 harm | F be likely to cause harm or damage to something |
| 7 incinerate | G damage something so badly that it can't be used |
| 8 threaten | H slowly destroy the surface |

9 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in Exercise 6.

- 1 This rubbish is taken away and _____ at very high temperatures.
- 2 Massive deforestation is _____ the rainforests. Soon they will all have disappeared.
- 3 The rain has _____ the earth here so there's no grass.
- 4 We're going to _____ one hundred new trees around the town. Then the town will be much greener.
- 5 The smoke from the factories is _____ the air where I live.
- 6 Instead of _____ organic waste, we use it to make compost for the garden.
- 7 Ecologists claim that use of pesticides has _____ the environment.
- 8 Rising sea levels are _____ cities around the world.

Health

1 Complete the crossword.



Across

- 1 Cancer is a ... that can occur at any age.
- 5 If you have lost all interest in ordinary things, and have no energy, you may have
- 6 Joe called the ambulance because he thought his father was having a heart
- 7 I experienced some ... last year when I was worried about my exams.

Down

- 2 I've felt quite ill this week because I've got a chest
- 3 He never wants to tell people that he has an ..., even though he feels very unwell at times.
- 4 I was in a lot of ... after I broke my arm.

2 Choose the correct option.

- 1 The aim of the *treatment / therapy* is to control your asthma so you can lead a normal life.
- 2 Researchers hope that they are close to finding a *cure / heal* for typhoid.
- 3 I have to take this *tablets / medicine* three times a day, after meals.
- 4 My foot has *cured / healed* very well and I can walk on it now.
- 5 Have you thought of having some *treatment / therapy* to help you deal with your feelings of fear and sadness?
- 6 I need to get some more *medicine / tablets* because I've only got two left.

3 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

affect • bring on • catch • cope with • cure • prevent • recover from • suffer from

I think my depression was ¹_____ by the break-up of my relationship with my girlfriend. I had felt unhappy before we broke up, and had also ²_____ hepatitis A, which I ³_____ on holiday. After I broke up with my girlfriend, I felt very low, but I thought that was because I was ill. However, although I ⁴_____ the hepatitis after two months, I still felt depressed. Eventually my doctor suggested some tablets and also some therapy, and after a while I felt better. I was able to ⁵_____ my feelings so that I could live with them, and I understood why the break-up ⁶_____ me so much. I feel very well now – I think the treatment ⁷_____ me. I hope I won't have depression again so I'm looking into ways that I can ⁸_____ myself from getting it again.

Vocabulary



4 Match the health and medical words with the definitions.

Nouns

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|-------------|---|
| 1 anxiety | A a sudden change in the flow of blood to your brain, which can make you unable to move part of your body |
| 2 breakdown | B a bacteria or virus that causes an illness that is not usually serious |
| 3 bug | C the feeling of being frightened and worried |
| 4 condition | D a feeling of illness that shows you have a particular disease |
| 5 drug | E an illness or health problem |
| 6 stroke | F a period of mental illness when people are too ill to continue with their normal lives |
| 7 symptom | G a chemical that is used as a medicine |

Verbs

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 8 care for | H to become ill |
| 9 come down with | I to vomit |
| 10 throw up | J to look after someone, especially someone who is young, old or ill |

5 Complete the conversations with the correct form of the words and phrases in Exercise 6.

A: How was your weekend? Did you do anything nice?

B: No, I was in bed all weekend! I ¹_____ a stomach ²_____ on Friday night. I ³_____ a few times and had an awful headache.

A: Did you go to the doctor?

B: No, my mum phoned her and described my ⁴_____, and she said I should just rest and drink plenty of water. I felt better on Sunday and I'm fine now.

A: How's your granddad? Is he getting better?

B: Yes, thanks. He's much better than when he was in hospital straight after his ⁵_____. He couldn't speak much then, or move his left arm or leg. But he's had a lot of help and now he can speak and move much better. He has various ⁶_____ to take and exercises to do.

A: Can he look after himself?

B: Well, not completely. My grandma ⁷_____ him, but she isn't very well herself. She has a ⁸_____ that means she can't move very easily, and she also suffers from ⁹_____, so she's been having trouble sleeping and she gets very worried about my granddad. My mum is afraid she might have a ¹⁰_____ if she doesn't have a rest, so she's going to stay with them next week to give her a break.

A: I hope things get easier for them and that they're both OK.

B: Thanks.

6 Complete the table with the words in the box. Add three more words to each column.

banana • pork • wine • carrot • salmon • beef • pear • mineral water • cod • cucumber • orange • chicken • lettuce • sardine • milk

fish	meat	drink	vegetables	fruit

Entertainment

1 Complete the sentences from film reviews with the words in the box. You do not need them all.

adventure • animation • comedy • crime • documentary • fantasy • horror • musical • romance • thriller • war film • western

- 1 This fascinating _____ tells the true story of Hillary and Norgay's 1953 ascent of Mount Everest.
- 2 In this exciting _____ an ageing football player agrees to track down his friend's girlfriend in Mexico. He finds her and falls in love with her, but soon another, dangerous man comes looking for her, with tragic consequences.
- 3 This charming _____ is great family entertainment, with plenty for adults to enjoy. Steve Carell is particularly good as the voice of Gru.
- 4 The two children get all the best songs in this heartwarming _____.
- 5 There are some spectacular special effects in this _____ about a young woman who is the only person who can save the world from evil robots.
- 6 James Bond begins his career as 007 in this fast-paced _____ film.
- 7 Russell Crowe gets his wife out of prison and is then chased by the cops in this thrilling _____ drama.
- 8 This entertaining _____ is extremely witty, with brilliant performances by Coogan and Brydon.
- 9 There is a general feel of unseen terror in this _____ film about an evil cab driver who supplies dead bodies to a doctor.
- 10 Set in Vietnam, this _____ is about two young American soldiers who are tested to the limit.

2 Complete the text with the words in the box.

action • actors • director • main characters • sets • soundtrack • special effects • studio

Alfred Hitchcock was an English film ¹_____ who was famous for his thrillers. His 49th film, made in 1963, was *The Birds*. The ²_____ in the film are Melanie Daniels, a wealthy young woman, and lawyer Mitch Brenner, who are played by the ³_____ Tippi Hedren and Rod Taylor. The ⁴_____ takes place over five days in a small town on the coast of northern California, which suddenly starts being attacked by birds.

The exterior scenes were filmed in Bodega Bay in California; almost all of the interior scenes were shot in the ⁵_____ where the crew had built ⁶_____ that were copies of the original buildings in Bodega Bay. For the scenes where the birds are attacking, some amazing ⁷_____ were created. Hundreds of trained birds were used in some of the scenes, and mechanical birds and animation were used in others. The ⁸_____ was also remarkable because it used electronically produced sound effects to imitate the sounds of birds.

The Birds is a disturbing, mysterious film, and one that shows Hitchcock, the master of suspense, at his best.

3 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 An **epic** film
- 2 An **art-house** film
- 3 A **biopic** is a film
- 4 A **mystery**
- 5 A **black comedy** is a film
- 6 A **disaster** movie
- 7 A **martial arts** movie
- 8 A **superhero** film

- A is about an event which results in damage, injury or death.
- B about the life of a real person.
- C that looks at the funny side of something we usually consider very serious, like death or illness.
- D has a main character who has special strength and uses it to do good things and help other people.
- E is long and contains a lot of action. It usually deals with a historical subject.
- F has a lot of traditional Japanese or Chinese fighting in it.
- G is a film usually about a crime or a murder, with a surprise ending which explains all the strange events that have happened.
- H is made by a small film company and aims to be artistic.

Vocabulary



4 Complete the sentences with the words in **bold** in Exercise 6.

- 1 I like _____ films because the story of the fight between the goodie and the baddie is always enjoyable.
- 2 Now I've started learning kung fu, I'm really interested in _____ movies.
- 3 I like watching anything set in the past, and I like lots of action, so I think _____ films are great.
- 4 I think a _____ can offer a lot of depth because it concentrates on just one person.
- 5 I'm not very keen on _____ films, because I prefer films that are entertaining rather than artistic.
- 6 I usually watch _____ films because I like trying to guess what's happened or who's committed the crime.
- 7 A good _____ movie is great entertainment! I love watching something really terrifying and awful happen to other people!
- 8 A _____ can make you laugh at difficult aspects of life and see the absurd side of them.

5 Choose the word that does not belong in each group.

- 1 actor / star / audience / cast
- 2 review / dialogue / script / screenplay
- 3 costumes / make-up / crew / set
- 4 hero / villain / love interest / director
- 5 location / lyrics / soundtrack / composition
- 6 classic / storyline / plot / theme
- 7 adaptation / version / remake / performance
- 8 humour / shot / suspense / sadness

6 Read sentences 1-8. The word in bold has the same form when it is a verb and a noun. Say if it is a verb (V) or a noun (N). Then complete sentences 9-16 with the same words.

- 1 The **star** of the film is Tom Hanks, who plays the title role in the film Captain Phillips. _____
- 2 The jury decided to **award** the Palme d'Or to the Turkish drama Winter Sleep. _____
- 3 If you want to have curly hair, take sections of your hair and **twist** them round and round and leave them for a few hours.

- 4 It had a great **review** on the radio so I really want to see it. _____
- 5 The main **feature** of our park is a beautiful 18th-century fountain. _____
- 6 We plan to **double** the number of films we show each week from five to ten. _____
- 7 I don't think we need a bigger TV **screen**. We can see everything very well on this one. _____
- 8 Some film stars wear hats and sunglasses to **disguise** themselves when they go out in public. _____
- 9 Would you like to _____ this film in 250 words for our website?
- 10 His _____ was so successful that no one recognised him.
- 11 Oscar Isaac, Carey Mulligan and Justin Timberlake _____ in this film about a folk singer in New York.
- 12 They're going to _____ lots of French classics as part of this year's film festival.
- 13 I think the _____ for best actress will go to Meryl Streep.
- 14 The idea of the _____ – the person who looks exactly like another person – has been used in drama for centuries.
- 15 The film and the TV series both _____ the same actress as the main character.

Prefixes

1 Complete the words with the prefixes in the box.

anti- • de- • over- • pro- • un- • under-

- 1 Our party is _____ - European because we believe that European integration is good for our country and for Europe as a whole.
- 2 I think we are _____ -reliant on the internet because we don't seem able to do anything without it.
- 3 The tourism sector is quite _____ developed, so we would like to see more investment in it.
- 4 What is _____ clear to me is how we can change the way we live. I can't see how we can do it.
- 5 _____ -capitalist demonstrators have occupied the business district to protest against the power of multinationals and globalisation.
- 6 The number of our customers has been _____ creasing for several months, which is very worrying.
- 7 Some of what we buy is _____ necessary. We could easily live without it.
- 8 Don't _____ -analyse the situation. Just do what you can and don't think about it too much.
- 9 I've decided to _____ activate my Facebook account for a while as I need a break from it.
- 10 We often _____ estimate how much food we can eat, so we don't eat it all and throw it away.

2 Complete the words with the prefixes in the box to express the meanings in brackets.

anti- • de- • over- • pro- • un- • under-

- 1 _____ fashionable (not)
- 2 _____ value (reduce)
- 3 _____ racist (against)
- 4 _____ sleep (in excess)
- 5 _____ ground (below)
- 6 _____ motivate (do the opposite)
- 7 _____ land (on top of)
- 8 _____ achieve (not enough)
- 9 _____ -war (in favour of)

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words from Exercise 8.

- 1 I've joined an _____ organisation, because I believe it's important to respect everyone.
- 2 I think you _____ at school these past two years, and that you could do much better if you tried.
- 3 It can be _____ if you keep getting something wrong when you're learning how to do it.
- 4 She was late arriving this morning because she _____ by about an hour.
- 5 The low pay they receive _____ the important work that they do.
- 6 All the pipes and cables are _____ so you can't see them.
- 7 I want to buy some new sunglasses because the ones I've got are really _____ now.
- 8 This government is very much _____. That's why we have such a large army.
- 9 We went _____ rather than by plane as we wanted to see as much of the country as possible.

Travel

1 Circle the correct option.

- 1 It was a long *travel/journey*, but it was worth it.
- 2 The *voyage/trip* across the Atlantic was a difficult one for Columbus.
- 3 I hope you have a good *trip/travel* to Portugal. Is it for work?
- 4 One day I would like to *journey/travel* to India.
- 5 My last *trip/journey* to Spain was great – I went to Madrid.
- 6 All the airports were closed because of the snow and *travel/journey* was impossible.

2 Find and correct the six mistakes in the text below.

Dominic, Meg and their children went on holyday to the south of France last Easter. They stayed at a camping because all the other types of acommodation were too expensive. Every day, Meg went to the beach for a swim and to take the sun. Dominic made some sightseeing and the children made a travel to a nearby town.

3 Put the words in the correct place in the table.

accelerator • aisle • anchor • bonnet • boot • cabin • carriage • cockpit • compartment • deck • engine • engine-room
gangplank • gears • locker • nose • rails • restaurant-car • sleeping-car • steering wheel • sun deck • tail • track • wing

car	plane	boat / ship	train

Quantities and capacities

1 Are the words in bold countable (C) or uncountable (U)?

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| 1 I like to get a paper every day; I like to read the news. | C | U |
| 2 Would you like a glass of milk? | C | U |
| 3 Did you see the news last night? | C | U |
| 4 This machine has no batteries . | C | U |
| 5 My parents went out and bought new furniture . | C | U |
| 6 We could make a house out of cardboard! | C | U |

2 Circle the correct option.

- 1 A large *amount/number* of people still don't recycle their waste.
- 2 *How many/How much* water is required to make a kilo of beef?
- 3 I haven't got *a lot of/many* time so please hurry.
- 4 Are there *much/many* different types of plastics in a car?
- 5 I don't know *how much/how many* times I've told you – don't do that!
- 6 When our bins are collected, there's always a large *number/amount* of organic waste in our green bin.
- 7 There's very *little/few* sugar in the bread I make.
- 8 I read that very *little/few* computer parts can be recycled.