

Unit 9

For questions **1–8**, read the text below. Use the word given in **CAPITALS** at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the gap. Write **ONE** word in each gap.

Climate Change and Our Future

Many scientists believe that **(1)** _____ warming is one of the greatest environmental problems of our time. As temperatures continue to rise, weather events such as floods, droughts and storms are becoming more frequent in many parts of the world.

One important reason for this is the increase in **(2)** _____ gases, which trap heat in the Earth's atmosphere. These gases are produced by human activities, especially when people burn coal, oil and gas. As a result, the amount of harmful **(3)** _____ released into the air has grown significantly over the last century.

Fortunately, there are many ways to improve the situation. More countries are investing in (4) _____ energy, including solar, wind and hydroelectric power, which are much cleaner than fossil fuels.

Individuals can also make a difference by reducing their carbon **(5)** _____. Walking, cycling, using public transport and recycling are simple actions that can help protect the environment.

Climate change is also putting many **(6)** _____ animals and plants at greater risk of disappearing forever. Protecting natural habitats is becoming more important every year.

Some dangerous gases are (7) _____, so people cannot smell them even when they are present. This is one reason why air quality should always be carefully monitored.

Although the challenge is enormous, experts believe that if governments, businesses and individuals work together, we can help protect our (8) _____ for future generations.

GLOBE

HOUSE

EMIT

NEW

FOOT

DANGER

ODOUR

ENVIRON

Exercise 2

Choose the correct answer (A, B or C) to complete each sentence.

1. When I was a child, I _____ play outside every evening.
A. used to
B. was used to
C. got used to
2. After moving to London, it took me several months to _____ driving on the left.
A. use to
B. get used to
C. be used to
3. Maria has lived in Canada for ten years, so she _____ the cold winters now.
A. used to
B. is used to
C. gets used to
4. We didn't _____ have online lessons before the pandemic.
A. use to
B. be used to
C. get used to
5. At first, Jack found his new job stressful, but he quickly _____ working under pressure.
A. used to
B. got used to
C. was used to
6. I'm still not _____ waking up at 6 a.m. every day.
A. used to
B. getting used to
C. use to
7. My grandparents _____ travel everywhere by train because they didn't own a car.
A. were used to
B. got used to
C. used to
8. Don't worry—you'll soon _____ speaking English every day.
A. be used to
B. get used to
C. used to

Exercise 3

You are going to read what five people say about the different ways they help protect the environment. For questions 1–8, choose from the people (A–E). The people may be chosen more than once.

Which person...

1. says they have changed the way they travel?
2. believes small daily actions can make a big difference?
3. started doing something because of another person's example?
4. mentions saving money as an extra advantage?
5. admits they sometimes find it difficult to continue their new habit?
6. says they have stopped buying a particular type of product?
7. thinks that protecting nature should be everyone's responsibility?
8. encourages other people to take action?

A. Hannah

A few years ago, I realised that I was using my car even for very short journeys. Now I usually walk or cycle whenever I can. It takes a little longer, but I feel healthier and I'm producing less pollution. My younger brother has recently started cycling too after seeing how much I enjoy it. I always tell my friends that they don't have to change everything at once. Even one small change is better than doing nothing.

B. Liam

At home, my family has become much more careful about the amount of electricity and water we use. We switch off lights, unplug chargers and take shorter showers. Our electricity bills are lower than they used to be, which is great, but that's not the main reason we do it. I think if millions of people make simple changes every day, the results can be enormous.

C. Sofia

I've stopped buying plastic bottles because I always carry a reusable water bottle with me now. At first, I often forgot to take it when I left the house, so it wasn't easy to create the habit. Even today I occasionally leave it behind, but I'm much better than I was. I believe we all have a duty to reduce the amount of plastic we throw away.

D. Ben

My grandparents have always grown their own vegetables, and they inspired me to start doing the same. I don't have a big garden, but I grow tomatoes, herbs and lettuce on my balcony. It makes me appreciate how much work goes into producing food. I also try to buy fruit and vegetables from local farmers because they don't usually travel such long distances before they reach the shops.

E. Chloe

Every spring I take part in local clean-up events where volunteers collect rubbish from parks and beaches. I enjoy working with other people who care about the environment, and I always invite my neighbours to

join us. I don't think we should wait for governments to solve every problem. If everyone gave just a few hours each year, our communities would be much cleaner places.