

Unit 7

C1.2

Exercise 1

Choose from the box the right preposition to fill in the blank.

ACROSS - BACK - DOWN - DOWN ON - IN - OFF - OUT

1. If you can't give up smoking completely, then at least try to cut _____ a little.
2. You can save time if you cut _____ the car park, instead of going round it.
3. In order to lose as much weight as possible, they cut _____ fat from their diet.
4. You should have heard my father when that car cut _____ front of him.
5. If you don't pay your electricity bill, they'll just come and cut you _____ .
6. Jane decided to have all her hair cut _____ the weekend. It's really short.
7. I usually cut _____ a field to get home quicker.
8. The Chancellor of the Exchequer tried to cut _____ spending in his budget by increasing taxation on consumer goods.
9. Telephone wires are down in the region and some farms have been cut _____ since yesterday.
10. I've felt a lot better since I cut _____ smoking.

Exercise 2

For questions 1- 11, use the word given in capitals at the end of some lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

Though sometimes it gives us a slight reprieve for slumber, we know our most (1) _____ light source is always just around the corner. And luckily for our wallets and the o-zone layer, we don't have to pay for it or burn precious energy sources producing it. Life on Earth would (2) _____ cease to exist without it and even those who live in places like Alaska or Scandinavia will testify that (3) _____ complaining about their summers of perpetual daylight, they also long for the sun's return when the months of black (4) _____ night come around. Located ninety three million miles from the Earth, our light source is the main influence on all the (5) _____ within our solar system. All eight planets revolve around it, and its (6) _____ pull dictates the movement and positioning that we experience here on Earth with our (7) _____ planets. The sun burns brighter than over 80% of the other stars in our galaxy. It is a place with violent (8) _____, wild and sudden movements, and intense storms of atomic particles that hit the atmosphere not only of our planet, but of other planets as well. Its influence, we now know, seems to extend to much greater distances than we had believed possible. (9) _____ to its importance and meaning to all forms of life on Earth, ancient civilizations and cultures often regarded the sun as a deity. The Aztecs, for example, believed that the sun (10) _____ regular human sacrifice in order for it to continue moving across the sky. Nowadays, however, although most cultures do not revere the sun's (11) _____ wonder and sanctify its life-giving power like the ancient Aztecs did, there are still many present day religions that give thanks to the sun for light and energy.	POWER CERTAIN SPITE POLE HAPPEN GRAVITY NEIGHBOR DISTURB OWE DEMAND GLORY
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Exercise3

For questions 1-8; complete the sentences with the correct word or collocation from the ones in the box. Some sentences have more than one blank space.

carbon dioxide	sewage treatment	nuclear waste	geothermal energy
blackout	hydro power	solar energy	standby generators
nuclear power	renewable energy	electricity	fossil fuels

- The burning of _____ raises serious environmental concerns because it produces around 21.3 billion metric tons of _____ (CO₂) per year.
- The rapid deployment of _____ and energy efficiency over wide geographical areas is resulting in significant energy security, climate change mitigation, and economic benefits.
- The difference in temperature between the core of the planet and its surface drives a continuous conduction of _____ in the form of heat from the core to the surface.
- At the beginning of the Industrial Revolution in Britain, water was the main source of power for new inventions and this use of _____ gave way to steam power in many of the larger mills and factories.
- The radiant light and heat from the sun harnessed using a range of ever-evolving technologies is an important source of renewable energy; the large magnitude of _____ available makes it a highly appealing source of _____.
- There is a social debate about _____. Proponents contend that it is a safe, sustainable energy source that reduces carbon emissions while opponents contend that it poses many threats to people and the environment such as the accidents in Chernobyl and Fukushima.
- _____ are particularly critical at sites where the environment and public safety are at risk. Institutions such as hospitals, _____ plants, mines, and the like will usually have backup power sources such as _____, which will automatically start up when electrical power is lost.
- Radioactivity is hazardous to most forms of life and the environment, it naturally decays over time so _____ has to be isolated and confined in appropriate disposal facilities for a sufficient period of time until it no longer poses a threat.

Exercise 4

For questions 1-8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

The environmental (1) _____ for the future is quite complex. Despite economic and political changes, interest in and (2) _____ about the environment remains high. Problems such as carbon dioxide levels and ozone depletion still require solutions and (3) _____ actions to deal with them. Until acid depositions (4) _____, loss of aquatic life in lakes and rivers will continue and forest growth may be affected. Water pollution will remain a growing problem as an increasing human population puts (5) _____ stress on the environment. To reduce environmental degradation and for humanity to save its habitat, societies must recognize that resources are (6) _____. Environmentalists believe that, as populations and their demands increase, the idea of continuous growth must (7) _____ way to a more rational use of the environment, but this can only be brought (8) _____ by a dramatic change in the attitude of the human species.

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| 1 | A-outline | B-outset | C-outcome | D-outlook |
| 2 | A-concern | B-attention | C-responsibility | D-consideration |
| 3 | A-affiliated | B-shared | C-concerted | D-pooled |
| 4 | A-wane | B-diminish | C-depreciate | D-curtail |
| 5 | A-untold | B-uncounted | C-unrelated | D-undreamed |
| 6 | A-finite | B-restricted | C-confined | D-bounded |
| 7 | A-make | B-force | C-give | D-clear |
| 8 | A-on | B-about | C-off | D-in |