

The environment

1 Match the first part of each sentence in the left-hand column with its second part in the right-hand column. Use the words and phrases in bold to help you. Check that each sentence you put together is grammatically correct.

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| 1. Some modern agricultural methods have been heavily criticised,... | (A) ...in many countries poaching is considered more serious than drug smuggling. |
| 2. If you wear a fur coat in public,... | (B) ...and rare breeds parks are very popular with many. |
| 3. It is illegal to kill pandas, tigers... | (C) ...in wildlife management . |
| 4. If we don't do more to protect pandas,... | (D) ...the government's conservation programme has been very successful. |
| 5. A lot of British people are interested in unusual animals,... | (E) ...they'll soon be extinct . |
| 6. National parks in Kenya are currently recruiting experts... | (F) ...with battery farming in particular receiving a lot of condemnation. |
| 7. In an attempt to preserve forests around the country... | (G) ...it was fascinating to observe their natural behaviour . |
| 8. We would like to carry out more scientific study into rainforests... | (H) ...on a successful panda breeding programme. |
| 9. I don't like zoos because I think... | (I) ...keeping animals in captivity is cruel. |
| 10. I saw a fascinating documentary about the way animals live in Venezuela and thought... | (J) ...or any other endangered species . |
| 11. The Chinese government has spent a lot of money... | (K) ...but it is often difficult to get people to fund the research . |
| 12. Hunters have killed so many animals that... | (L) ...you risk coming under attack from animal rights activists . |

2 Replace the phrases in bold in these sentences with a word or phrase from the box so that the sentences sound more natural. There are three words or phrases that you do not need.

acid rain biodegradable packaging contaminated deforestation
 ecosystem emissions environmentalists erosion fossil fuels
 genetically modified global warming green belt greenhouse
 organic pesticides pollution rain forest recycle things renewable

- In Britain, building is restricted or completely banned in the **area of farming land or woods and parks which surrounds a town**.
- Many companies are developing **boxes, cartons and cans which can easily be decomposed by organisms such as bacteria, or by sunlight, sea, water, etc.**
- The burning of some fuels creates **carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, sulphur dioxide, methane and other** gases which rise into the atmosphere.
- Farmers have cleared hectares of **thick wooded land in tropical regions where the precipitation is very high**.
- Planting trees provides some protection from the **gradual wearing away** of soil.
- We should all try to **process waste material so that it can be used again**.
- These potatoes are **cultivated naturally, without using any chemical fertilisers or pesticides**.
- This bread is made from wheat which has been **altered at a molecular level so as to change certain characteristics which can be inherited**.
- The process of removing the trees from an area of land** is destroying millions of acres of woodland every year.