The Environment

Module 2

MODULE OBJECTIVES

Vocabulary

- natural world
- animals
- environmental problems
- prepositional phrases
- phrasal verbs: bring
- word formation: forming nouns from verbs

Reading

- multiple choice
- answer questions

Grammar

- modals (must, have to, need, should, ought to)
- future tenses
- time words

Listening

- an interview (true/false
- a lecture (sentence

Speaking

- a presentation on pipefish
- making suggestions agreeing/disagreeing
- making decisions
- a presentation on helping to protect endangered species

Writing

- a paragraph suggesting ways to protect seahorses
- a report making suggestions

Language Focus

- phrasal verbs & prepositions
- word formation
- grammar in focus
- **Progress Check**

Our natural world

Which picture shows: wild animals? mountains? birds? a river? the ocean? a lake? a forest? a desert? a waterfall?











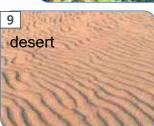
river











- a) Fill in: provide, cover, home, lack, shelter, areas, drop, insects.
- They are one of nature's treasures. They are 1) ... with a lot of trees and cover2) ... about 30% of the Earth's land surface. They provide food and 3) ... to people and animals.
- They take up 70% of the Earth's surface. They are 4) ... to some of the most B amazing creatures on Earth. They 5) ... 50% of the Earth's oxygen. provide
- They occupy 1/5 of the Earth's land surface. It rarely rains there. Reptiles, 6) ..., birds and mammals live there. They are hot and there is a 7) ... of water and plants. However, temperatures 8) ... at night. drop
 - b) Which of the pictures 1-9 does each text refer to?
- Which of the things in the pictures exist/don't exist in your country? Name some. Write a few sentences. Tell the class.

I live in In my country there are rivers. The longest one is the ... River. There are also forests. Some are ... coast, others are in There aren't any ..., though.



Why is it important to take care of the environment? In three minutes write a few sentences. Tell the class.



Vocabulary from the text

Replace the underlined words with words in the list in their correct form: evolve, resemble, grave, capture, hang on, peculiar.

1 These beautiful animals have captured caught the imagination of writers.

evolved They changed form and developed into different forms a long time ago.

peculiar Their appearance is very strange.

resemble 4 Their eyes <u>look like</u> a chameleon's.

hang on 5 They usually <u>hold on</u> to sea grass.

grave 6 The Knysna seahorse is in <u>very</u> serious danger.

Fill in: refrain, destroy, prevent, damage, avoid.

- 1 Please avoid much chocolate. It's bad for the teeth.
- When hiking, wear boots if you want to ... being bitten by a snake. prevent

destroy

We humans will completely ...
the Amazon rainforest if we are not careful.

damage 4 Acid rain can cause a lot of ... to forests.

refrain 5 Wearing sunscreen will ... you from getting sunburnt.

Fill in: in, at, without, to.

at for ... least 65 million years.

without 2 ... a doubt, Einstein was one

of the greatest scientists ever.

3 In humans, skeletal muscles

to are attached ... bones.

4 Cats usually give birth ... between one and eight kittens.

5 Male seahorses are the only creatures ... the animal kingdom that give birth ... babies.

6 Many plant and animal species are ... danger of extinction.

Topic vocabulary
Types of animals

Cheetahs, the fastest animals on Earth, are 1) *endangered/ threatened* by habitat 2) *loss/waste* because people cut down trees. People also hunt them for their spotted pelt. Farmers kill them in order to 3) *protect/preserve* their livestock.



The **blue whale**, the **4**) *biggest/largest* of all whales, is now legally **5**) *supported/protected* against hunting and killing. There are only 2,500 left.

The Mediterranean monk seal is in 6) danger/trouble because people hunt it for its skin and because they get 7) trapped/grabbed in fishing nets. Nowadays, a lot of countries protect this species by 8) law/rule.





The **Thailand giant catfish** is **9**) *meeting/facing* **10**) *extinction/disappearance* due to overfishing and habitat loss.

a) Read the definitions.

mammals: warm-blooded animals that give birth to live babies and feed their young on milk

amphibians: animals that live both on land and in water reptiles: cold-blooded animals which have scaly skin and lay eggs

Video

fish: cold-blooded creatures that live in water and usually have gills and fins

rodents: small mammals with sharp front teeth

birds: creatures with feathers and wings insects: small animals that have six legs and most of them have wings

- b) Which type of animal are each of the animals below? Decide in pairs.
- Listen and check.
- mouse fly monkey whale beetle frog
- dolphin seal eagle squirrel butterfly parrot
- crocodile toad tuna jaguar iguana salmon
- kangaroo chameleon bear

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Environmental problems

Match the environmental problems (A-H) to the pictures (1-8).

A deforestation B forest fire

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C air pollution

D melting ice caps | H water pollution

E endangered species 5

Video

F landfills full of rubbish⁴

oil spill



















Match the environmental problems (1-7) to the solutions (a-g). Then discuss in pairs, as in the example.



Environmental Problems

- disappearing forests
- 2 endangered animals
- 3 polluted beaches
- 4 energy waste
- 5 air pollution

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- 6 global water shortage
- 7 landfills full of rubbish

Solutions

- turn off lights when we don't need them
- use taps carefully
- use public transport
- recycle rubbish
- clean up the coastline
- stop hunting them
- plant trees

A: How can we solve the problem of disappearing forests?

B: We can plant trees.

Prepositional phrases

- Choose the correct preposition in bold. Check in the Word List. Make sentences using the prepositional phrases.
 - 1 A lot of animals are at/in risk of extinction.
 - 2 We must protect habitats of/from disappearing.
 - 3 You can help **save** animals *of/from* extinction.
 - 4 Seahorses rely on/with camouflage to hide of/from predators.
 - 5 'Wildlife' means animals living at/in the wild.

Word formation (forming nouns from verbs)

Complete each sentence with the nouns derived from the words in bold.

> We form nouns from verbs using the following suffixes: -ion (prevent-prevention), -ation (converse-conversation), -sion (explodeexplosion), -tion (suggest-suggestion)

- 1 Recycling helps control environmental pollution (POLLUTE)
- 2 In ..., both people and animals will ben people and animals will ben people and animals will ben people and animals will be people and animal and animal and animal and animal animal and animal animal and animal an laws are made to abolish illegal animal trading. (CONCLUDE)
- 3 The animal shelter has announced that reduction there will be a ... in staff because of financial difficulties. (REDUCE)
- 4 There's a great ... of documentaries abcotlection endangered species to watch. (COLLECT)
- 5 There is a meeting on whale ... next Monday. (CONSERVE)

conservation

round

Phrasal verbs: BRING

Choose the correct particle. Check in the Word List.

about

up

bring

- oút 1 His new book about endangered species will be brought about/out this May. (be published)
- 2 Environmentalists helped to bring about/ round a change in the law. (caused to happen)
- 3 She managed to bring out/up her three children on her own. (raise)
- 4 He brought up/about the issue of saving the whales during the seminar. (mentioned)
- 5 He fainted, but the doctor brought him about/round. (regained consciousness)