

**Природа: флора и фауна. Проблемы экологии. Защита окружающей среды. Климат, погода.
Стихийные бедствия**

Task 1. You are going to read the text aloud. You have 1.5 minutes to read the text silently, and then be ready to read it aloud. Remember that you will not have more than 2 minutes for reading aloud.

Natural disasters are serious events that can cause a lot of damage and suffering. There are different types of natural disasters. One common type is earthquakes. They happen when the ground shakes, and they can destroy buildings and roads. Another type is floods, which occur when there is too much rain, and water covers land. Hurricanes are strong storms with heavy winds and rain. They can cause a lot of destruction in coastal areas.

Wildfires are also dangerous; they can spread quickly in dry areas and burn forests and homes. Lastly, there are tornadoes, which are very strong winds that can destroy everything in their path.

Natural disasters remind us to respect nature and its power. It is important to be prepared for these events and to have a plan to stay safe.

Task 2. You are going to take part in a telephone survey. You have to answer six questions. Give full answers to the questions. Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Tapescript for Task 2 Electronic assistant: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of the Independent Polling Company. We kindly ask you to take part in our survey. We need to find out how people feel about weather conditions in our region. Please answer six questions. The survey is anonymous – you don't have to give your name. So, let's get started.

Electronic assistant: What's the weather usually like in your hometown?

Electronic assistant: Does the weather affect your mood?

Electronic assistant: How do rainy days make you feel?

Electronic assistant: What's your favourite season of the year? Why?

Electronic assistant: Do you prefer hot or cold weather? Why?

Electronic assistant: Have you experienced any extreme weather conditions?

Electronic assistant: This is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Task 3. You are going to give a talk about environmental problems. You will have to start in 1.5 minutes and speak for not more than 2 minutes (10–12 sentences).

Remember to say:

- if you have seen any problems in your city related to the environment, what they are;
- why it is important to protect nature;
- what simple actions you can take to help the environment;
- what your attitude to environmental education at school is.

You have to talk continuously.