



The natural world

1

Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

climate change	conservation	ecology	endangered
evolution	green	pollute	worldwide

- is another way to say environmentally friendly.
- is the protection of nature.
- means existing or happening all around the Earth.
- is the way the Earth's weather is changing.
- means an animal may disappear forever because there are very few left.
- means to make water, air or soil dirty or harmful.
- is the way in which living things change and develop over millions of years.
- is the relationship between living creatures and their environment, or the scientific study of this.



2

Complete the sentences with the words in brackets. Use the present perfect simple or present perfect continuous.

- How long (you / interested in) animal conservation?
- I'm dirty because I (clear) rubbish from the pond all morning.
- The study of climate change (go on) since the 1800s and continues today.
- We (learn) a lot about evolution so far this term.
- I (just / find out) what being 'green' means.
- (you / ever / look) at the list of endangered animals in our country?
- My uncle (travel) worldwide in search of rare species during his lifetime.
- We (study) ecological disasters in our geography class.

 **Exam task**

3

 **Track 6** You will hear a boy called Jake Castle giving a class presentation about an animal called a hedgehog. For questions 1–10, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

Hedgehog conservation

Jake says the hedgehog population is declining as quickly as that of the

(1)

Jake says hedgehogs are decreasing in number with the disappearance of

(2) and countryside.

Jake explains that hedgehogs particularly like eating worms, along with

(3) and other small creatures.

Jake's club is encouraging people to help make what's known as a 'hedgehog

(4)

Jake says hedgehogs can pass between gardens through fences or via a

(5) which neighbours create.

Jake advises against removing (6) from a garden, as they can be used to shelter hedgehogs.

Jake hadn't realised that hedgehogs have good (7)

If a sick hedgehog is found, Jake says the best place to take it is a local

(8)

Jake suggests leaving out food which is suitable for (9) for hedgehogs in winter.

Jake says that the (10) is a good organisation for those interested in other species.



 **Get it right!**

Look at the sentence below. Then try to correct the mistake.

Since the end of the Second World War, the world's population is increasing rapidly.