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Level 1 – 21st July, 2022

Australia's "shocking" decline in environment

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220721-biodiversity-loss-1.html>

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220721-biodiversity-loss-1.html>

Australia has many amazing creatures and plants. It's famous for them. However, scientists have reported a "shocking" loss of biodiversity. The government released a depressing report about this. It says there is a decrease in biodiversity, an increase in habitat loss, and more pollution. Australia has had drought, fires and floods recently. These have killed many animals. Climate change is also damaging Australia's ecosystems.

Australia publishes its report every five years. Each report is worse than the one before. A conservation group said the government is not taking action to help. It said: "The environment is getting worse and worse...because we're not taking...action." Australia has lost many mammal species. More than 100 species are now extinct. An environmentalist said the report was "a wake-up call". It shows the damage humans are doing to the world.

Sources: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/7/19/australia-reveals-shocking-decline-in-its-unique-environment>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220721-biodiversity-loss-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. many amazing creatures | a. ecosystems |
| 2. It's famous for | b. and floods |
| 3. a "shocking" loss | c. them |
| 4. The government released a | d. of biodiversity |
| 5. an increase in habitat | e. depressing report |
| 6. drought, fires | f. and plants |
| 7. These have killed many | g. loss |
| 8. damaging Australia's | h. animals |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. publishes its report every | a. are now extinct |
| 2. Each report is worse than | b. and worse |
| 3. getting worse | c. doing to the world |
| 4. we're not taking | d. the one before |
| 5. Australia has lost many | e. "a wake-up call" |
| 6. 100 species | f. action |
| 7. the report was | g. mammal species |
| 8. the damage humans are | h. five years |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220721-biodiversity-loss-1.html>

Australia (1) _____ creatures and plants. It's famous for them. However, scientists have (2) _____ loss of biodiversity. The government released a depressing (3) _____. It says there is a decrease in biodiversity, an increase (4) _____, and more pollution. Australia (5) _____, fires and floods recently. These have killed many animals. Climate change (6) _____ Australia's ecosystems.

Australia publishes its report (7) _____. Each report is worse than (8) _____. A conservation group said the government is (9) _____ to help. It said: "The environment is getting worse and worse...because we're not taking...action." Australia (10) _____ mammal species. More than 100 species (11) _____. An environmentalist said the report was "a wake-up call". It shows the damage (12) _____ to the world.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BIODIVERSITY LOSS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220721-biodiversity-loss-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about biodiversity loss in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

