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Level 2 – 21st July, 2022

Australia's "shocking" decline in environment

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220721-biodiversity-loss-2.html>

Australia is home to some amazing creatures and plant life. It's famous for them. However, scientists have reported a "shocking" loss of biodiversity. The government released a depressing report about the environment. It reveals a big decrease in biodiversity, an increase in habitat loss, and higher levels of pollution. It says Australia's environment is "poor and deteriorating". Australia has had drought, fires and floods recently. These have killed many animals. They have caused the loss of natural habitat. Climate change is also damaging Australia's ecosystems.

Australia publishes its environment report every five years. Each report is sadder than the one before. An Australian conservation group said the environment is suffering because the government is not taking action. It said: "This is the fourth...report and every time it tells us that the environment is getting worse and worse and worse because we're not taking...action." Australia has lost more mammal species than any other continent. More than 100 species are now extinct. An environmentalist said the report was, "a wake-up call to the damage humans are doing to the world around us".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. home to some amazing | a. depressing report |
| 2. It's famous | b. of pollution |
| 3. a shocking loss | c. for them |
| 4. The government released a | d. habitat |
| 5. It reveals a big decrease | e. creatures |
| 6. higher levels | f. and floods |
| 7. drought, fires | g. of biodiversity |
| 8. the loss of natural | h. in biodiversity |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Each report is sadder | a. suffering |
| 2. the environment is | b. worse |
| 3. the government is not | c. around us |
| 4. the environment is getting | d. species |
| 5. mammal | e. are doing |
| 6. a wake- | f. than the one before |
| 7. the damage humans | g. taking action |
| 8. the world | h. up call |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Australia is home (1) _____ creatures and plant life. It's famous for them. However, scientists have reported a (2) _____ biodiversity. The government released a depressing report about the environment. It (3) _____ decrease in biodiversity, an increase in habitat loss, and higher (4) _____. It says Australia's environment is "poor and deteriorating". Australia has had drought, fires (5) _____. These have killed many animals. They have caused the loss of natural habitat. Climate change (6) _____ Australia's ecosystems.

Australia publishes its environment report (7) _____. Each report is sadder than the one before. An Australian conservation group said the environment is suffering because the government is (8) _____. It said: "This is the fourth...report and every time it tells us that the environment is getting (9) _____ and worse because we're not taking...action." Australia has (10) _____ species than any other continent. More than 100 species (11) _____. An environmentalist said the report was, "a wake-up call to the damage humans are doing to the (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BIODIVERSITY LOSS SURVEY

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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) _____

