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Panama evacuates islanders due to rising sea levels

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THE ARTICLE

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Rising sea levels have caused Panama to evacuate the residents of one of its islands. The inhabitants of the tiny Gardi Sugdub island off Panama's Caribbean coast are being relocated to the mainland. However, a Panamanian government official said some people are refusing to vacate their ancestral home. They will stay until the absolute last minute. Panama's government said Gardi Sugdub is a sign of things to come as more low-lying islands are under threat from being engulfed by the ocean. A recent study by Panama's Environment Ministry estimated the country would lose 2.01 per cent of its coastal territory to rising sea levels. It added that 38,000 people will need to be relocated at a cost of about \$1.2 billion.

Gardi Sugdub has been home to the indigenous Guna people for generations. The overcrowded island is just 366 metres long and 137 metres wide, but was home to nearly 300 families. They relied on fishing and tourism to make a living. Islander Nadin Morales, 24, said: "We're a little sad...but the sea is sinking the island little by little." She added: "Lately, I've seen that climate change has had a major impact....The tide comes to a level it didn't before, and the heat is unbearable." Ms Morales said she hopes her community will prosper in its new location. Her new home will be in a \$12 million government development two kilometres from the port from which boats go to Gardi Sugdub.

Sources: <https://www.hrw.org/news/2024/05/29/panama-completes-first-climate-related-relocation>
<https://apnews.com/article/panama-island-guna-climate-change-f368711649ff6986ea25a79534405a84>
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WARM-UPS

1. SEA LEVELS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about sea levels. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

sea levels / evacuate / mainland / ancestral home / a sign of things to come / coastal indigenous / overcrowded / tourism / make a living / heat / community / prosper

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. CHANGE: Students A **strongly** believe we must all change to help sea levels; Students B **strongly** believe that's not necessary. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. ENVIRONMENT: What do you know about these environmental issues? How can we deal with them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	How to Deal with Them
Rising seas		
Deforestation		
Desertification		
Microplastics		
Melting glaciers		
Biodiversity loss		

5. SEA: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "sea" different categories.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE: Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest problems of climate change at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Rising oceans
- More severe storms
- Droughts
- Desertification
- Loss of species
- Water scarcity
- Population displacement
- Hotter temperatures

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. evacuate | a. A person who lives in a place. |
| 2. inhabitant | b. Complete or total. |
| 3. vacate | c. Related to your family from long ago. |
| 4. ancestral | d. To leave a place or space. |
| 5. absolute | e. To leave a place because it is not safe. |
| 6. engulfed | f. An area of land belonging to a country. |
| 7. territory | g. Covered or surrounded completely by something. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 8. indigenous | h. To be successful and do well. |
| 9. generations | i. The first people who lived in a place. |
| 10. relied | j. Too painful or hard to deal with. |
| 11. tide | k. A place where ships load and unload goods and people catch ferries to other islands or countries. |
| 12. unbearable | l. Needed or depended on someone or something. |
| 13. prosper | m. The regular rise and fall of the sea. |
| 14. port | n. All the people in a family born around the same time. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240603-rising-sea-levels.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. Panama has ordered residents on three islands to evacuate. **T / F**
2. The island of Gardi Sugdub is in the Caribbean Sea. **T / F**
3. Panama's government said more islands would go under the waves. **T / F**
4. Panama may have to spend \$1.2 billion on relocating people. **T / F**
5. The Guna people have island on the Gardi Sugdub for 22 years. **T / F**
6. An islander said Gardi Sugdub has stopped sinking. **T / F**
7. The islander said the level of the tide is unbearable. **T / F**
8. Gardi Sugdub is 20 km from the mainland. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. evacuate | a. land |
| 2. residents | b. swallowed up |
| 3. ancestral | c. site |
| 4. engulfed | d. intolerable |
| 5. territory | e. locals |
| 6. indigenous | f. depended |
| 7. relied | g. move out |
| 8. unbearable | h. native |
| 9. prosper | i. hereditary |
| 10. development | j. thrive |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. evacuate the residents | a. on fishing |
| 2. being relocated to the | b. last minute |
| 3. people are refusing to vacate their ancestral | c. prosper |
| 4. They will stay until the absolute | d. for generations |
| 5. lose 2.01 per cent of its coastal | e. mainland |
| 6. home to the indigenous Guna people | f. unbearable |
| 7. They relied | g. territory |
| 8. make a | h. of one of its islands |
| 9. the heat is | i. living |
| 10. she hopes her community will | j. home |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240603-rising-sea-levels.html>

Rising sea levels have caused Panama to (1) _____ the residents of one of its islands. The (2) _____ of the tiny Gardi Sugdub island off Panama's Caribbean coast are being relocated to the (3) _____. However, a Panamanian government official said some people are refusing to vacate their (4) _____ home. They will stay until the absolute last minute. Panama's government said Gardi Sugdub is a sign of things to (5) _____ as more low-lying islands are under threat from being (6) _____ by the ocean. A recent study by Panama's Environment Ministry estimated the country would lose 2.01 per cent of its coastal (7) _____ to rising sea levels. It added that 38,000 people will need to be (8) _____ at a cost of about \$1.2 billion.

mainland
come
relocated
evacuate
territory
ancestral
inhabitants
engulfed

Gardi Sugdub has been home to the (9) _____ Guna people for generations. The overcrowded island is just 366 metres long and 137 metres wide, but was (10) _____ to nearly 300 families. They (11) _____ on fishing and tourism to make a living. Islander Nadin Morales, 24, said: "We're a little sad...but the sea is (12) _____ the island little by little." She added: "Lately, I've seen that climate change has had a major impact....The (13) _____ comes to a level it didn't before, and the heat is (14) _____." Ms Morales said she hopes her community will (15) _____ in its new location. Her new home will be in a \$12 million government development two kilometres from the (16) _____ from which boats go to Gardi Sugdub.

unbearable
port
sinking
indigenous
prosper
home
tide
relied

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Rising sea levels have caused Panama to _____
 - a. evacuate the residence
 - b. evacuate the presidents
 - c. evacuate the residents
 - d. evacuate the residential
- 2) government official said some people are refusing to vacate _____
 - a. their ancestral hone
 - b. their ancestral home
 - c. their ancestral house
 - d. their ancestral homely
- 3) a sign of things to come as more low-lying islands are under threat _____
 - a. from being engulfed
 - b. from being in gulped
 - c. from being gulped
 - d. from being angered
- 4) estimated the country would lose 2.01 per cent of _____
 - a. its coast all territory
 - b. its coast tall territory
 - c. its cost all territory
 - d. its coastal territory
- 5) It added that 38,000 people will need _____
 - a. to be dislocated
 - b. to bare located
 - c. to being relocated
 - d. to be relocated
- 6) Gardi Sugdub has been home to the indigenous Guna _____
 - a. people for generation
 - b. people for generations
 - c. people four generations
 - d. people fore generations
- 7) They relied on fishing and tourism to _____
 - a. make enliven
 - b. maker living
 - c. make a living
 - d. make a live-in
- 8) She added: "Lately, I've seen that climate change has had _____."
 - a. a major imp pact
 - b. a major in pact
 - c. a major imp act
 - d. a major impact
- 9) The tide comes to a level it didn't before, and the _____
 - a. heat isn't unbearable
 - b. heat is sun bearable
 - c. heat is unwearable
 - d. heat is unbearable
- 10) Ms Morales said she hopes her _____
 - a. community will prosper
 - b. community will prospers
 - c. community will prosperity
 - d. community will prosperous

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240603-rising-sea-levels.html>

1. In what body of water does the island of Gardi Sugdub lie?
2. What are some people refusing to vacate?
3. What did Panama's government say Gardi Sugdub's plight was a sign of?
4. How much of Panama's coastal territory might go under the waves?
5. How much will it cost to relocate 38,000 displaced people?
6. For how long have the indigenous Guna lived on Gardi Sugdub?
7. What do the inhabitants of Gardi Sugdub depend on for a living?
8. What did a local resident say was unbearable?
9. What does the resident hope her new community will do?
10. How far inland is the new housing from the port that goes to the island?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240603-rising-sea-levels.html>

- 1) In what body of water does the island of Gardi Sugdub lie?
 - a) the Atlantic
 - b) the Caribbean
 - c) the Pacific
 - d) the Indian Ocean
- 2) What are some people refusing to vacate?
 - a) their stores
 - b) their fishing boats
 - c) their businesses
 - d) their ancestral home
- 3) What did Panama's government say Gardi Sugdub's plight was a sign of?
 - a) population displacement
 - b) the end of the world
 - c) things to come
 - d) global warming
- 4) How much of Panama's coastal territory might go under the waves?
 - a) 2.01%
 - b) 2.1%
 - c) 20.1%
 - d) 21%
- 5) How much will it cost to relocate 38,000 displaced people?
 - a) about \$12 billion
 - b) about \$1.2 billion
 - c) about \$21 billion
 - d) about \$2.1 billion
- 6) For how long have the indigenous Guna lived on Gardi Sugdub?
 - a) for generations
 - b) for decades
 - c) for centuries
 - d) for years and years
- 7) What do the inhabitants of Gardi Sugdub depend on for a living?
 - a) tourism and farming
 - b) farming and fishing
 - c) fishing and tourism
 - d) the government
- 8) What did a local resident say was unbearable?
 - a) the heat
 - b) leaving the island
 - c) overcrowding
 - d) saying goodbye to the fish
- 9) What does the resident hope her new community will do?
 - a) go to university
 - b) fight climate change
 - c) return to the island
 - d) prosper
- 10) How far inland is the new housing from the port that goes to the island?
 - a) 4 km
 - b) 3 km
 - c) 2 km
 - d) 1 km

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Rising Oceans

You think rising oceans are the biggest problem facing Earth. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their problems aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): desertification, species loss or population displacement.

Role B – Desertification

You think desertification is the biggest problem facing Earth. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their problems aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): rising oceans, species loss or population displacement.

Role C – Species Loss

You think species loss is the biggest problem facing Earth. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their problems aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): desertification, rising oceans or population displacement.

Role D – Population Displacement

You think population displacement is the biggest problem facing Earth. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their problems aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): desertification, species loss or rising oceans.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'sea' and 'island'.

sea	island
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• residents• mainland• ancestral• threat• recent• need	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• overcrowded• fishing• little• major• hopes• two
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SEA LEVELS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about sea levels 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.

SEA LEVELS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'islanders'?
3. What do you know about rising sea levels?
4. What do you know about Panama?
5. How would you feel if you had to evacuate your town?
6. Why are sea levels rising?
7. Do you have an ancestral home?
8. Would you like to live on a tiny island?
9. How will government policy change when more islands sink?
10. What advice do you have for the islanders?

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SEA LEVELS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'sea'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of rising sea levels?
15. What do people in your town rely on to make a living?
16. What impact has climate change had on you?
17. What cities is climate change putting at risk?
18. How can we reverse climate change?
19. What will Earth look like in 50 years from now?
20. What questions would you like to ask the islanders?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Gardi Sugdub has been home to the indigenous Guna (7) _____ for generations. The overcrowded island is just 366 metres long and 137 metres wide, but was home to nearly 300 families. They (8) _____ on fishing and tourism to make a living. Islander Nadin Morales, 24, said: "We're a little sad...but the sea is sinking the island little by (9) _____." She added: "Lately, I've seen that climate change has had a major impact....The tide (10) _____ to a level it didn't before, and the heat is unbearable." Ms Morales said she hopes her community will prosper (11) _____ its new location. Her new home will be in a \$12 million government development two kilometres from the port from (12) _____ boats go to Gardi Sugdub.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) vacuum | (b) evacuate | (c) vacuous | (d) vacation |
| 2. | (a) tinny | (b) tiny | (c) tinted | (d) teeny |
| 3. | (a) forebears' | (b) predecessors' | (c) ancestral | (d) descendants' |
| 4. | (a) go | (b) come | (c) sink | (d) disappear |
| 5. | (a) grossed | (b) estimated | (c) netted | (d) esteemed |
| 6. | (a) rose | (b) arisen | (c) rising | (d) rose |
| 7. | (a) human | (b) person | (c) people | (d) crowd |
| 8. | (a) rallied | (b) relayed | (c) relied | (d) railed |
| 9. | (a) few | (b) tiny | (c) small | (d) little |
| 10. | (a) comes | (b) goes | (c) descends | (d) waters |
| 11. | (a) in | (b) of | (c) at | (d) as |
| 12. | (a) how | (b) what | (c) which | (d) thus |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. uteaavce the residents
2. The nnbasahiitt of the tiny Gardi Sugdub island
3. their acsatrnI home
4. until the busloeat last minute
5. under threat from being gdenflue by the ocean
6. 2.01 per cent of its coastal eyrtrotir

Paragraph 2

7. home to the iugoisendn Guna people
8. for ngrnsoealet
9. They eilerd on fishing
10. climate change has had a major mitapc
11. the heat is ralebuneba
12. her community will psropre

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240603-rising-sea-levels.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () the mainland. However, a Panamanian government official said some people are refusing to vacate their
- () impact....The tide comes to a level it didn't before, and the heat is unbearable." Ms Morales said she hopes
- () territory to rising sea levels. It added that 38,000 people will need to be relocated at a cost of about \$1.2 billion.
- () on fishing and tourism to make a living. Islander Nadin Morales, 24, said: "We're a little sad...but the sea is
- () development two kilometres from the port from which boats go to Gardi Sugdub.
- () her community will prosper in its new location. Her new home will be in a \$12 million government
- () is just 366 metres long and 137 metres wide, but was home to nearly 300 families. They relied
- () Gardi Sugdub has been home to the indigenous Guna people for generations. The overcrowded island
- () of things to come as more low-lying islands are under threat from being engulfed by the ocean. A recent
- () sinking the island little by little." She added: "Lately, I've seen that climate change has had a major
- () ancestral home. They will stay until the absolute last minute. Panama's government said Gardi Sugdub is a sign
- () study by Panama's Environment Ministry estimated the country would lose 2.01 per cent of its coastal
- () tiny Gardi Sugdub island off Panama's Caribbean coast are being relocated to
- (**1**) Rising sea levels have caused Panama to evacuate the residents of one of its islands. The inhabitants of the

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240603-rising-sea-levels.html>

1. of of its islands . one Evacuate the residents
2. refusing vacate home . ancestral are to their People
3. engulfed . are threat under islands from Low-lying being
4. 2.01% Panama lose coastal of its would territory .
5. 38,000 people will need About be to relocated .
6. generations . Guna people indigenous to the for Home
7. make They a living . to relied on tourism
8. to didn't The comes levels it before . tide
9. its community new Her prosper will location . in
10. \$12 million be a Her development . will home in

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240603-rising-sea-levels.html>

Rising sea levels have caused Panama to *evacuate* / *vacate* the residents of one of its islands. The inhabitants of the *tinny* / *tiny* Gardi Sugdub island off Panama's Caribbean *coastal* / *coast* are being relocated to the mainland. However, a Panamanian government *official* / *officially* said some people are refusing to vacate their ancestral home. They will stay until *the* / *an* absolute last minute. Panama's government said Gardi Sugdub is a sign of things to *come* / *go* as more low-lying islands are under threat from being *engrossed* / *engulfed* by the ocean. A recent study by Panama's Environment Ministry estimated the country *must* / *would* lose 2.01 per cent of its coastal territory to rising sea levels. It *plussed* / *added* that 38,000 people will need to be relocated at a *cost* / *coast* of about \$1.2 billion.

Gardi Sugdub has been *house* / *home* to the indigenous Guna people for generations. The *overcrowded* / *overcrowding* island is just 366 metres long and 137 metres *wide* / *width*, but was home to nearly 300 families. They *relayed* / *relied* on fishing and tourism to make *the* / *a* living. Islander Nadin Morales, 24, said: "We're a little sad...but the sea is sinking the island little *by* / *of* little." She added: "Lately, I've *appeared* / *seen* that climate change has had a major impact....The tide comes to a level *it* / *they* didn't before, and the heat is unbearable." Ms Morales said she hopes her community will *prosperity* / *prosper* in its new location. Her new home will be in a \$12 million government development two kilometres from the port from *which* / *what* boats go to Gardi Sugdub.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Rising sea levels have caused Panama to evacuate thousands of its islanders. The inhabitants of the tiny Gird Sgardb island off Panama's Caribbean coast are being relocated to the mainland. However, the Panamanian government officials said some people are refusing to evacuate their ancestral homes. They will stay until the absolute last moment. Panama's government said Gird Sgardb is a sign of things to come as more low-lying islands are under threat from being engulfed by the ocean. A recent study by Panama's environment Ministry stated the country would lose 2.01 percent of its coastal territory to rising sea levels. It added that 38,000 people will need to be relocated to the coast by about \$1.2 billion.

Gird Sgardb has been home to the indigenous Guna people for generations. The evacuated island is just 366 metres long and 137 metres wide, but was home to nearly 300 families. They relied on fishing and tourism to make a living. Islander Naden Merles, 24, said: "We're a little sad...but the sea is sinking the island little by little." She added: "Luckily, I've seen that climate change has had a major impact....The tide comes to the level it didn't before, and the heat is unbearable." Ms Merles said she hopes her community will prosper in its new location. Her new home will be on a \$12 million government development two kilometres from the port from which boats go to Gird Sgardb.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Rising sea levels have caused Panama to evacuate the residents of one of its islands. The inhabitants of the tiny Gardi Sugdub island off Panama's Caribbean coast are being relocated to the mainland. However, a Panamanian government official said some people are refusing to vacate their ancestral home. They will stay until the absolute last minute. Panama's government said Gardi Sugdub is a sign of things to come as more low-lying islands are under threat from being engulfed by the ocean. A recent study by Panama's Environment Ministry estimated the country would lose 2.01 percent of its coastal territory to rising sea levels. It added that 38,000 people will need to be relocated at a cost of about \$1.2 billion. Gardi Sugdub has been home to the indigenous Guná people for generations. The overcrowded island is just 366 metres long and 137 metres wide, but was home to nearly 300 families. They relied on fishing and tourism to make a living. Islander Nadin Morales, 24, said: "We're a little sad... but the sea is sinking the island little by little." She added: "Lately, I've seen that climate change has had a major impact.... The tide comes to a level it didn't before, and the heat is unbearable." Ms Morales said she hopes her community will prosper in its new location. Her new home will be in a \$12 million government development two kilometres from the port from which boats go to Gardi Sugdub.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. SEA LEVELS: Make a poster about sea levels. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. CLIMATE CHANGE: Write a magazine article about all of us changing our lifestyles to help sea levels fall. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on rising sea levels. Ask him/her three questions about this problem. Give him/her three of your ideas on what to do about climate change. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. a 3. d 4. c 5. b 6. g 7. f
8. i 9. n 10. l 11. m 12. j 13. h 14. k

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 T 4 T 5 F 6 F 7 F 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. e	3. i	4. b	5. a
6. h	7. f	8. d	9. j	10. c

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The Caribbean
2. Their ancestral home
3. Things to come
4. 2.01%
5. About \$1.2 billion
6. For generations
7. Fishing and tourism
8. The heat
9. Prosper
10. Two kilometres

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Evacuate the residents of one of its islands.
2. People are refusing to vacate their ancestral home.
3. Low-lying islands are under threat from being engulfed.
4. Panama would lose 2.01% of its coastal territory.
5. About 38,000 people will need to be relocated.
6. Home to the indigenous Guna people for generations.
7. They relied on tourism to make a living.
8. The tide comes to levels it didn't before.
9. Her community will prosper in its new location.
10. Her home will be in a \$12 million development.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. d 10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)