

Complete the chart. Use the sentences in the box.

Main idea	Detail
People who live in the forest rely on the forest for everything they need. ✓	The Yanomami people of Brazil live in houses made from leaves and tree trunks from the surrounding forest.
City people also rely on forests.	Mahogany wood is used in making furniture, boats and guitars. ✓
Forests are important for plants. ✓	Without the big trees, the small plants – ferns, for example – would die.
Forests are important for animals.	The forest is home to thousands of species of animal, and many of the animals that live there can't survive outside of the forest. ✓
Human activity is destroying forests all over the world. ✓	Data from the World Wide Fund for Nature shows that every year, 120–150 million square kilometres of forest are lost.
If we lose the world's forests, we lose everything I spoke about in the first part of my talk.	The Yanomami people will lose their source of food and shelter. ✓

Listen and put the main ideas in the correct order.



1.6 billion people rely on forests for survival.

The Yanomami live in villages of 50 to 400 people.

Forests provide fresh oxygen.

80% of the world's plant and animal species live in the forest.

Smaller forest plants shelter the seeds of larger plants.

Orangutans find fruit in trees.

Tigers shelter and find food in the forest.

Agriculture, logging and fires destroy forests.



Listen and choose the best descriptions.

 Audio script

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Complete the text. Use the words in the box.

In the past, companies exploiting natural resources such as minerals or natural gas didn't worry about endangered species or habitat destruction. Mining companies dug huge holes in the earth, or even removed entire mountains to extract copper or other valuable materials, often leaving huge piles of waste. They sometimes ended their operations without clearing up or repairing the damage.

Logging companies cut down all of the trees over large areas without replacing them, often killing large numbers of animals in the process. But many companies now understand that they need to take responsibility for the

conservation of the natural environment when they carry out their work.

Caring for the earth has become part of doing good business, and not only the work of active conservationists.



UNIT 6: Environment Exercise 6: Complex prepositions

Choose the correct phrases to complete the sentences.

- 1 I'd like to have a discussion today giving you a lecture.
- 2 The office is closed today a national holiday.
- 3 It was the sunny weather the cool, pleasant wind that made the day perfect.
- 4 I think I'd like to have lunch at my desk going out to eat.
- 5 The film I saw, which was very entertaining, was a true story.
- 6 expert sources, we can expect a cool summer and mild winter this year.
- 7 We want the trip to be educational affordable.
- 8 We've had no problems with the new computer system a small delay in the installation.
- 9 The train cancellation was repairs on the railway.
- 10 Everyone came to the concert Ahmed, who was at home with the flu.

Unscramble the words to make a sentence.

- 1 According to the United Nations, water quality became much worse in the 1980s . ✓
- 2 Experts say that fox populations in cities are increasing . ✓
- 3 Data from the Canadian government shows that export of some fish has decreased . ✓
- 4 The World Wild Fund for Nature reports that there are about 1,600 giant pandas in the wild . ✓
- 5 According to British Petroleum, the new facility will produce 420 million litres of biofuel per year . ✓
- 6 Experts warn that some species will continue to decline until they are extinct . ✓
- 7 Data from researchers at Qatar University shows that the air quality in the area is good . ✓
- 8 The Swedish government reports that Swedes recycle nearly 90% of their aluminium cans . ✓

Complete the chart. Use the expressions in the box.

1 Main idea

Let's begin by looking at  changes to the environment in coastal areas.

Let's turn now  to changes in the mountain environment.

2 Example

According to the city government , the number of beach hotels has increased by 90% in the past three years.

A study carried out by City University  found that more than 80% of the original forest has been cut down.

3 Detail

One of the main problems is  the increase in the number of hotels and restaurants right next to the beach.

Let's consider this in more  detail. People have been cutting trees in our mountains for the past fifty years.

4 Solution

So what can we do about it?  We need to control the impact of these businesses on the coastal environment.

One possible solution  to the problem of deforestation would be stricter laws.

One of the main problems is
A study carried out by City University
Let's consider this in more
According to the city government
Let's begin by looking at
One possible solution
Let's turn now
So what can we do about it?

Listen. Choose the stressed word in the sentences.

1 ▶ I know that orangutans are endangered. ✓

- ☐ I
- ☐ know
- ☒ orangutans
- ☐ endangered

2 ▶ I know that orangutans are endangered. ✓

- ☒ I
- ☐ know
- ☐ orangutans
- ☐ endangered

3 ▶ I know that orangutans are endangered. ✓

- ☐ I
- ☒ know
- ☐ orangutans
- ☐ endangered

4 ▶ We need to work together to help endangered species. ✓

- ☐ We
- ☐ together
- ☒ help
- ☐ endangered

5 ▶ We need to work together to help endangered species. ✓

- ☐ We
- ☐ together
- ☐ help
- ☒ endangered

6 ▶ We need to work together to help endangered species. ✓

- ☐ We
- ☒ together
- ☐ help
- ☐ endangered

7 ▶ The number of orangutans in the wild is falling steadily. ✓

- ☐ number
- ☒ orangutans
- ☐ wild
- ☐ falling

8 ▶ The number of orangutans in the wild is falling steadily. ✓

- ☐ number
- ☐ orangutans
- ☐ wild
- ☒ falling

9 ▶ The number of orangutans in the wild is falling steadily. ✓

- ☐ number
- ☐ orangutans
- ☒ wild
- ☐ falling

Listen and match the sentence halves.

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| 1 ▶ I know that orangutans are endangered | but I don't know if other apes are endangered. ✓ |
| 2 ▶ I know that orangutans are endangered | but does everyone else know? ✓ |
| 3 ▶ I know that orangutans are endangered | because there's plenty of research that proves it. ✓ |
| 4 ▶ We need to work together to help endangered species | rather than making their life more difficult. ✓ |
| 5 ▶ We need to work together to help endangered species | because these animals are the ones who really need our help. ✓ |
| 6 ▶ We need to work together to help endangered species | rather than working separately, which may not be very useful. ✓ |
| 7 ▶ The number of orangutans in the wild is falling steadily | though the number of some species is actually increasing. ✓ |
| 8 ▶ The number of orangutans in the wild is falling steadily | rather than remaining the same or rising. ✓ |
| 9 ▶ The number of orangutans in the wild is falling steadily | though the number of orangutans in zoos isn't falling. ✓ |