

Environmental Threats

1. List **THREE** of the Earth's different environments mentioned in the text.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

2. a. Copy the **PHRASE** which explains what an ecosystem is.

b. Copy the **WORD** which means the permanent disappearance of a species.

3. a. Write **TWO** reasons why the Pyrenean Ibex and the Tasmanian wolf became extinct.

	Pyrenean Ibex	Tasmanian wolf
Reason 1		
Reason 2		

b. Look up the name of another animal which became extinct. Write **TWO** reasons why it became extinct.

Extinct animal	
Reason 1	
Reason 2	

4. In the 'Land Development' section, what does the author mean by 'changing reversibly'?

5. What two things do forests do that are so important to Earth?

a. _____

b. _____

6. Deforestation occurs for many reasons. Write **TWO** of these reasons.

a. _____

b. _____

7. Explain in your words how microplastics are passed on along the food chain.

8. Overfishing is a big problem. Use information from the text to explain why.

9. What dissolves in seawater to create a mild acid?

10. a. What is global warming?

b. Based on what you have read, mention **TWO** effects of global warming and how they are affecting planet Earth.

Effect	How is planet Earth being affected?
1.	
2.	

11. Match the figures with the facts.

a. 150		the amount of years plastic takes to decompose in oceans
b. 17		the number of chemicals found in bee pollen
c. 2.6		the percentage of water on planet Earth
d. 400		the percentage of the Amazon rainforest that disappeared
e. 1		the billions of people whose diet depends on fish

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