**Environmental issues**

**Exercise 1. Match the words with its meaning below.**

**biodegradable**

**eco-warrior**

**food chain**

**irreparable damage**

**single-use plastics**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ = pollution

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ = plastic that can be used only once

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ = somebody who is passionate about the environment

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ = irreversible, negative change

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ = broken down naturally by bacteria

6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ = a series of living creatures, where each one eats the one preceding it

**Exercise 2: Match the two statements. Use the words in bold to help you.**

**1. Try to avoid buying a single-use plastics**

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| 2. It's important that all of our waste is **biodegradable**. |
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| **3**. **Contamination**of the air by dangerous gases is a serious problem. |
| 4. People who don't believe in climate change think **eco-warriors** are wrong. |
| 5. Our actions are doing **irreparable damage** to the Earth. |
| 6. Removing just one species from the**food chain** destroys the whole system. |

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| **A** | That's why we need to find different forms of energy for our cars. |
| **B** | So if smaller fish die, larger ones will starve, and so on. |
| **C** | However, who else is fighting to protect the natural world? |
| **D** | Otherwise, we can't get rid of it and it's with us forever. |
| **E** | For instance, polar bears could die out if Arctic ice melts due to global warming. |
| **F** | Instead, use glass, paper or aluminium containers that can be recycled. |

**Exercise 3: Complete the text with the words in bold from Exercise 1&2.**

One of the biggest threats to the quality of the natural environment is (1)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ such as drinks bottles, bags, straws and packaging. Unlike paper packaging, plastic is not (2)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, so it stays on the ground and in the oceans for many, many years and causes (3)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of land and water. When plastic is in the ocean, sea creatures mistake it for food, eat it and die. These deaths affect the (4)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in terrible ways as it means there is less for other animals to eat. We should produce less plastic and get rid of plastic waste more responsibly to stop the (5)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that it causes. It isn't enough for us to depend on (6)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to fight for the environment. Everyone has a duty to protect the planet.

**ANSWER KEY**

**Exercise 1.**

1. contamination

2. single-use plastics

3. eco-warrior

4. irreparable damage

5. biodegradable

6. food chain

**Exercise 2.**

1. F 2. D 3. A

4. C 5. E 6. B

Exercise 3:

1. single-use plastic
2. biodegradable
3. contamination
4. food chain
5. irreparable damage
6. eco-warriors