

Listening



Listen and match the speakers to the statements. Which global issue is each talking about?

- A The speaker thinks countries should stop fighting against each other.
- B The speaker thinks there should be a free house building programme.
- C The speaker thinks people are killing all the creatures on the planet.
- D The speaker thinks we can easily prevent many people from getting ill.
- E The speaker thinks young children shouldn't have to work.
- F The speaker thinks the planet is getting too hot.

READING

Dead Sea in Danger

The Dead Sea, the saltiest body of water of the Earth and a wonderful natural treasure. It is eight or nine times saltier than the oceans of the world. If there's one thing everyone knows about the Dead Sea it is that you can't sink in it.

It is becoming smaller and smaller because of decisions by people to use part of its waters. The Dead Sea is located at the lowest point of the Earth, almost 400 metres below sea level. It is 50 kilometres long nowadays. Just 40 years ago it stretched 80 kilometres in length. The Dead Sea is also a unique ecosystem and a sensitive barometer of the state of the environment in a part of the world where an arid (dry) climate.

One of the main reasons for the sea's shrinking (уменьшение) is lack of water. 90% of the water that flow from the Jordan River, which traditionally goes into the Dead Sea, is taken for drinking and agriculture in Israel and Jordan.

Besides, local industry adds to the Dead Sea's problems. They use the water for getting necessary minerals. It's a real disaster for the Sea.

Now hundreds of thousands of tourists come to the Dead Sea every year. Its water is so salty that a man can read a newspaper comfortably while lying on his back on the water. The water contains a lot of sulphur (серы), and the thick black mud (жидкая грязь) that is found at the sea's beach is very useful for people with skin diseases. Tourists treat their bodies with the black mud, but they don't think about the Dead Sea's troubles.

Environmentalists in Jordan are warning that the Dead Sea will disappear by the year 2050 if its level continues to drop.

It can be saved – but time is running out.

I. Complete the sentences

1. The Dead Sea is located...
 - a) At the lowest point of the Earth
 - b) At the hottest place of the Earth
 - c) At the coldest place of the Earth
 - d) At the highest point of the Earth

2. the Dead Sea is... now?

- a) 40 kilometres
- b) 400 metres
- c) 80 kilometres
- d) 50 kilometres

3. The Dead sea`s water is taken.. (more than one reason) *Give main reasons*

- a) for getting necessary minerals.
- b) for agriculture and drinking.
- c) by local industry.
- d)for treating by people.

II. What sentences are True/False?

- 1.The Dead sea is not so saltier than the oceans.
2. If you want to swim in the Dead sea, please do it. Don`t afraid to sink!
3. It is becoming smaller because people use part of The Dead sea`s waters.
4. It is a barometer the environment of the world`s climate.
5. The Dead sea`s minerals are good for people`s health.

III. Answer the question

Why is the Dead sea in danger?

*What must be done to save the Dead sea? (give your own idea)

USE OF UNGLISH

1. Choose the correct variant.

1. If people thought about the Earth, they wouldn`t have so many environmental problems.
 - a) Если бы люди думали о планете Земля, у них бы не было так много экологических проблем.
 - b) Если люди будут думать о планете Земля, у них не будет так много экологических проблем.
2. If people hadn`t polluted the planet, many species of animals wouldn`t have disappeared.
 - a) Если бы люди не загрязняли планету, многие виды животных не исчезли бы.
 - b) Если люди не будут загрязнять планету, многие виды животных не исчезнут.
3. If we walked instead of driving cars, the air would be clean.
 - a) Если мы будем ходить пешком вместо того, чтобы ездить на машинах, воздух будет чистым.
 - b) Если бы мы ходили пешком вместо того, чтобы ездить на машинах, воздух был бы чистым.

2. Complete the sentences, using Conditionals II or III.

1. If people thought about the future, they (use) bus instead of cars.
2. Our planet would be clean if we (not throw) away tons of rubbish.
3. A lot of unique birds wouldn`t have become extinct if people (not destroy) their natural homes.
4. If we (use) filters in cars and buses, we would make air cleaner.
5. If I (be) you, I would take part in « clean-up-day».

KEYS

Listeing 1D 2B 3F 4 E 5C 6A

Reading I 1a 2d 3 bc II 1F 2T 3T 4F 5T III. the Dead sea is in danger because of lack of water. local industry use the water for getting necessary minerals.

Use of English

1.a 2. a 3.b

1.would use 2. Didn`t throw 3. Hadn`t destroyed 4. Used 5. Were