

7 What can we do?

Exercise 1

- The taste of drinking water has been ruined by chlorine and other additives.
- New illnesses have been caused by certain agricultural pesticides.
- Our crops are being destroyed because of pollution from cars and trucks.
- Dangerous chemicals are being released by factories.
- Many people's health has been damaged as a result of breathing smog every day.
- More severe droughts have been created through the lack of rainfall.
- Our forests and wildlife are being threatened by global warming.

Exercise 2

A

Verb	Noun	Verb	Noun
<u>contaminate</u>	contamination	educate	<u>education</u>
contribute	<u>contribution</u>	<u>pollute</u>	pollution
<u>create</u>	creation	populate	<u>population</u>
deplete	<u>depletion</u>	protect	<u>protection</u>
<u>destruct</u>	destruction	<u>reduce</u>	reduction

B

Answers will vary.

Exercise 3

- One way to inform the public about factories that pollute the environment is through educational programs on TV.
- In many countries around the world, threatened animal and plant species are being protected by strict laws.
- Agricultural pesticides are damaging the soil in many countries.
- Poverty is an enormous problem in many large cities where whole families can only afford to live in one room.

Exercise 4

A

Answers will vary. Possible answer:

Fleece is an inexpensive, lightweight synthetic fiber used to make clothing. Common fleece items are shirts, jackets, pants, and blankets.

B

- False. In the developing world, 70% of people buy fleece.
- True.
- True.
- False. More than 1,500 particles of fleece may separate during washing.
- False. Fish do consume particles of fleece.
- False. We still do not know what people are going to do about this problem.

Exercise 5

A

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

B

- During the recent recession, 30 percent of the businesses in my town closed, and a large part of the population didn't have jobs.
- It seems like there are more dangerous infectious diseases these days, like swine flu and the Zika virus.

- There's so much violence in this city. I'm afraid to walk on the streets alone at night because I don't feel safe.
- Before you travel to a foreign country, make sure there are no dangerous political situations going on there. It can be unsafe to visit countries that are experiencing political unrest.
- In the 1800s, a large portion of Irish potato crops were destroyed by disease. Because potatoes were a major part of the Irish diet, there was a major famine and over 1.5 million people died.
- People in this country don't trust the police or city officials because there is a lot of government corruption.

Exercise 6

- A: A big housing developer wants to build an apartment complex in Forest Hill Park. I think that's terrible, but what can we do?
B: One thing to do is to complain to the Parks Department about it.
A: That's a good idea.
B: Another thing to do is to organize a public meeting to protest the threat to public property.
- A: Personally, I'm worried about violence in the city. The streets are not safe at night.
B: One thing to do is to educate young people about its dangers.
- A: You know, there's a lot of corruption in our city government.
B: The best way to fight government corruption is to report it to the local newspaper.
A: Yeah, the bad publicity might help to clean things up a bit.
- A: There are so many unemployed people in this city. I just don't know what can be done about it.
B: One thing to do is to create more government-funded jobs.
- A: What worries me most is the number of homeless people on the streets.
B: One way to help is to create more public housing projects.
A: I agree.
B: Another thing to do is to donate money to charities that provide shelters and food.

Exercise 7

Answers will vary. Possible answers:

- These days, a lot of endangered animals are being killed by hunters and poachers.
The best way to stop this practice is to strengthen hunting and poaching laws.
- During the past few years, lots of trees have been destroyed by acid rain. One thing to do about it is to minimize industrial pollution.
- Underground water is being contaminated by agricultural pesticides.
The best way to deal with the problem is to make sure factories are not polluting the groundwater.
- Too many people have been affected by infectious diseases in the past few years.
The best way to stop this is to educate people about diseases and vaccinations.

Exercise 8

Answers will vary.