ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Environmental Problems Vocabulary Quiz: Words, Meanings, Quiz

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Explanations

1. The new law tells factories to cut their ___ of harmful gases by 40%.
✔ **A) emissions**
Emissions are the gases that come out of factories, cars and planes. The word is usually plural.

2. ___ such as ___ keep heat in around the Earth.
✔ **C) Greenhouse gases … carbon dioxide**
Greenhouse gases make a blanket round the Earth and keep heat in. Carbon dioxide (CO2) is the best-known one; a carbon footprint is not a gas but a total.

3. Our class prints a newsletter to ___ of plastic in the sea.
✔ **B) raise awareness**
You raise awareness of a problem: you make more people know and care about it. Rise has no object.

4. One return flight to New York can double your ___ for the year.
✔ **D) carbon footprint**
Your carbon footprint is the total of the gases your travel, heating and food produce.

5. This street smells of ___ from the buses and lorries.
✔ **B) exhaust fumes**
Exhaust fumes are the dirty gases from an engine. Exhausted means very tired.

6. Cutting down forests for farms and roads is called ___.
✔ **A) deforestation**
Deforestation means losing forests. Deforested is the adjective: a deforested hill.

7. Very few tigers still live in the wild, so the tiger is ___.
✔ **D) an endangered species**
An endangered species could die out. Species has an s in the singular too.

8. Homes on low coasts are in danger because of ___.
✔ **C) rising sea levels**
Sea levels are rising as the ice melts. Raise needs an object (raise your hand), so rising is right here.

9. After the ___, black oil from the ship covered thirty kilometres of beach.
✔ **A) oil spill**
An oil spill happens when oil escapes from a ship or a pipe and spreads over the sea.

10. Bees are dying, partly because farmers spray ___ on their fields.
✔ **B) pesticides**
Pesticides kill insects that eat crops, but they can kill bees too.

11. Most rubbish that can't be recycled ends up in ___.
✔ **D) landfill**
Landfill is a huge hole in the ground where rubbish is buried.

12. Swap your ___ coffee cups for ___ ones that you can wash.
✔ **C) single-use … reusable**
Single-use plastic is thrown away after one use. Reusable things can be used again and again.

13. This bag is made from plants, so it is ___: it breaks down in the soil.
✔ **B) biodegradable**
Biodegradable things break down naturally and safely.

14. Our new office is ___: it collects rain and uses the sun's power.
✔ **A) environmentally friendly**
Use the adverb environmentally before the adjective friendly.

15. Catching only as many fish as the sea can replace is ___, and wind power is ___ energy.
✔ **C) sustainable … renewable**
Sustainable means you can keep doing it without using things up. Renewable energy comes from the sun, wind and water, and never runs out.

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