

# Spotlight 7

## Save the Earth



# **pollution**

- a power station / factory
- toxic fumes
- factory waste
- acid rain
- polluted clouds
- loss of natural habitats
- air, water and soil pollution
- fish and plant species dying

a power station / factory



# toxic fumes



factory waste



acid rain





# polluted clouds



# loss of natural habitats





# air, water and soil pollution





# fish and plant species dying







Read carefully and fill in the blanks with the best word A, B or C



# Acid Rain

## 1 The problem

The problem starts here. Cars **burn** petrol, factories and power stations burn coal and **emit** toxic fumes. So, the air that we breathe becomes polluted.

## 2 Air pollution & acid rain

This pollution is **gathered** in clouds and with the **oxygen** and water in the **atmosphere** it becomes acid. The winds carry the polluted clouds across long distances, far 1) ..... . When it rains, this pollution **lands** on trees, houses, buildings, cars, clothes, everywhere!!! This is called acid rain, 2) ..... there is actually 'acid fog', 'snow' and '**sleet**' in the same way!

## 3 Water and soil pollution

When acid rain falls into lakes, streams, rivers and seas,

they become toxic. This is water pollution and it harms, kills or **wipes out** fish and plant species. When acid rain flows through the soil, it **poisons** trees and plants. Acid rain 3) ..... causes serious damage to important buildings and objects

## 4 Good news

The good news is that governments have been trying to **reduce** the air pollution that causes acid rain. 4) ..... industries have been using new technologies for some time to help make factory smoke less **harmful** to the environment. But we need to do more! We can help reduce the amount of acid rain by using 5) ..... cars less or by using **solar power** to **heat** our homes.

## Ex.2b, 107

- ***burn (v): use a product to produce heat, light, etc***
- ***emit (v): send out***
- ***gathered (v): collected***
- ***oxygen (n): air***
- ***atmosphere (n): layer of gas or air around a planet***
- ***lands (v): comes to earth***
- ***sleet (n): icy rain***
- ***wipes out (phr v): destroys, kills***
- ***poisons (v): kills or makes sick with a toxic substance***
- ***reduce (v): lessen***



**Present Perfect Continuous** (Настоящее совершенное продолженное время) употребляется для:

**have / has + been + Ving**

- обозначения длительности действия, которое началось в прошлом и продолжается в настоящее время

We **have been cooking** since 10 o'clock!

- описания действия, которое началось и закончилось в прошлом и результаты которого очевидны в настоящее время

Your hands are dirty. **Have** you **been painting**?

