

**GRAMMAR**

**1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the present tense of the verbs in brackets.**

- 1 This year we \_\_\_\_\_ (study) ecology for the first time.
- 2 Ecological science \_\_\_\_\_ (include) lots of different branches of science.
- 3 Population level \_\_\_\_\_ (focus) on individuals of the same species.
- 4 Nowadays scientists \_\_\_\_\_ (examine) ways to preserve our environment.
- 5 People \_\_\_\_\_ (become) more and more aware of environmental problems.
- 6 How human beings interact \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a great impact on our biosphere.

**2 Write the questions for the following answers.**

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
The effects of radioactive contamination can last for hundreds of thousands of years.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
Environmental groups are trying to limit human impact on the environment.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
Harmful by-products come from technology.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
Pollutants can cause diseases like cancer, allergies and asthma.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
The quality of our land is important because we need it to grow fruit and vegetables.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
Soil becomes a source of pollution when it is damaged or contaminated.

**3 Complete the zero conditional sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.**

- 1 If we \_\_\_\_\_ (not consider) factors such as climate, geology and other organisms, we \_\_\_\_\_ (not can) understand the environment of an organism.
- 2 If there \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) interaction between organisms and their environment, an ecosystem \_\_\_\_\_ (not exist).
- 3 If we \_\_\_\_\_ (not want) to continue destroying our planet, we \_\_\_\_\_ (must) make an effort to keep our environment free from pollution.
- 4 If human beings \_\_\_\_\_ (not respect) each other, they \_\_\_\_\_ (damage) the ecosystem.
- 5 When there \_\_\_\_\_ (be) an ecological crisis, some species \_\_\_\_\_ (not survive).
- 6 If we \_\_\_\_\_ (not look after) our land, animals and plants \_\_\_\_\_ (die).

**4 Translate the following sentences into Italian.**

- 1 Human beings are part of the ecosystem which, like man, is in a constant state of change.  
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- 2 Human ecology deals with the influence of human beings on their environment.  
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- 3 Climate change can have adverse effects on organisms.  
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- 4 Our ambitions, values and what we know, all affect our behaviour.  
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- 5 We express our ideals and aims through our relationship with the natural world.  
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- 6 Some organisations protect air quality by regulating the release of pollutants into the atmosphere.  
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