

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



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loss of natural habitats



air, water and soil pollution

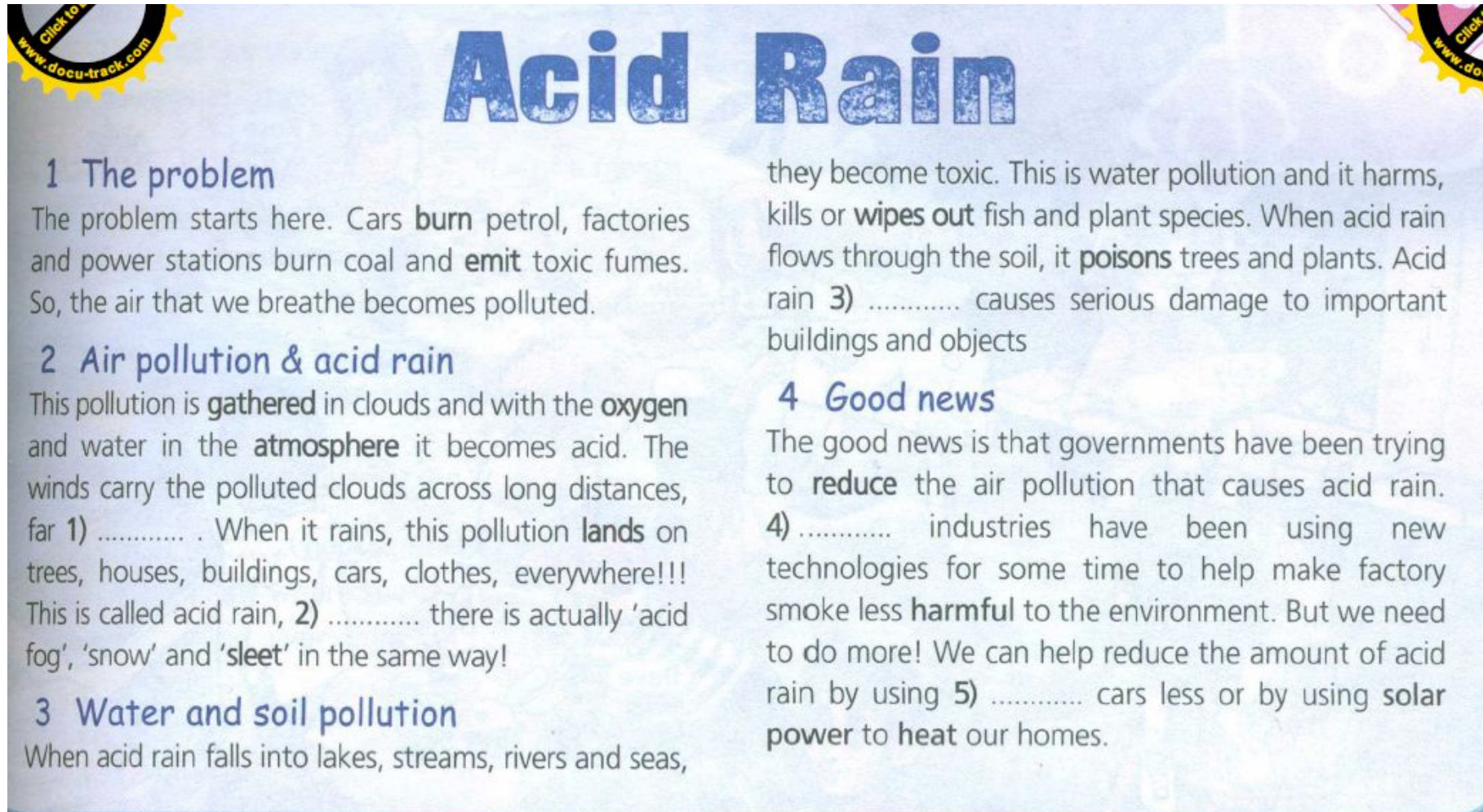


fish and plant species dying





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.

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- **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:

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- 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**?

