

1 AMAZING EARTH

Exercise 1

Fill in the sentences with *the* or */*.

DO YOU KNOW THAT...

- 1 ... ____ Iceland grows 5 centimetres per year?
- 2 ... ____ Asia and ____ North America are getting closer and closer?
- 3 ... ____ Russia has 11 times zones?
- 4 ... people have lived in ____ Damascus continuously since at least 11,000 years ago?
- 5 ... ____ Istanbul is one of five cities that are situated on two continents?
- 6 ... ____ deepest place on Earth is in ____ Pacific Ocean? It's called the Mariana Trench and it is 10,984 metres deep?
- 7 ... ____ Mount Everest can fit inside ____ Mariana Trench?
- 8 ... in 2018, snow fell in ____ Sahara for ____ third time in 40 years?
- 9 ... the full name of ____ Bangkok, the capital of ____ Thailand has 169 letters: Krungthepmahanakhon Amonrattanakosin Mahintharayuthaya Mahadilokphop Noppharatchathaniburirom Udomratchaniwetmahasathan Amonphimanawatansathit Sakkathattiyawitsanukamprasit?



- 10 ... the official name of ____ UK has the most characters in a country's full name: ____ United Kingdom of ____ Great Britain and ____ Northern Ireland?
- 11 ... at one point ____ Canada is situated lower than ____ USA because it goes around ____ Lake Erie?
- 12 ... a drop of water travels three months down ____ Mississippi River?
- 13 ... you can't sink in ____ Dead Sea because it has 8 to 9 times more salt than the oceans and seas of ____ world?
- 14 ... ____ Caribbean Islands consist of 7,000 islands in total?
- 15 ... there are 832 living languages in ____ Papua New Guinea, a country with the population of only 8,600,000 people?

- 16 ... only two countries in ____ South America, ____ Ecuador and ____ Chile, don't border ____ Brazil?
- 17 ... more snow falls in ____ Australian Alps than in ____ Switzerland?
- 18 ... off ____ east coast of ____ Australia, there is the world's largest island made of sand, ____ Fraser Island?
- 19 ... it hasn't rained or snowed in ____ Dry Valleys in ____ Antarctica for nearly 2 million years?
- 20 ... although there is a lot of sand in ____ Middle East, you can't use it for building? So countries like ____ Saudi Arabia and ____ United Arab Emirates have to import sand from ____ Australia?
- 21 ... ____ deepest sea is ____ Caribbean Sea?
- 22 ... in 2018 football fans caused a small earthquake in ____ Mexico City when Mexico's soccer team scored a goal against Germany?
- 23 ... ____ Iceland is ____ only country in ____ world where there are no mosquitoes?
- 24 ... ____ shortest river in ____ world, ____ Roe River in ____ Montana, is only 61 meters long?



- 25 ... ____ Himalayas are still growing today, by about 1.5 cm a year, while ____ Appalachian Mountains are getting shorter?
- 26 ... ____ largest pyramid is not in ____ Egypt, but in ____ Mexico?
- 27 ... dust from ____ Africa can come all the way to ____ Florida?
- 28 ... in 133 BC 1,000,000 people lived in ____ Rome?
- 29 ... ____ Sahara isn't ____ largest desert in the world? It is ____ largest HOT desert, but ____ Antarctic desert, which is called a polar desert, is ____ bigger?
- 30 ... ____ largest freshwater lake is ____ Lake Superior in ____ North America? ____ second largest lake is in ____ Africa: it's ____ Lake Victoria which lies at the border of ____ Uganda, ____ Kenya and ____ Tanzania?
- 31 ... ____ Pheasant Island, which is located in ____ River Bidassoa, is owned by both ____ Spain and ____ France?

2 CONDITIONAL CLAUSES TYPE 1

A) Match the sentences.

1 If people start making sustainable cities,	_____ they will produce enough electricity for the whole city.
2 If we protect the Earth today,	_____ if we cut down on plastic materials.
3 If a city installs a lot of solar panels on the roofs,	_____ our children and grandchildren will have a healthy planet in the future.
4 You will cut the electricity consumption by over 50%	_____ a lot of trees won't be cut down.
5 If you use toilet paper made from recycled material,	_____ they will protect the Earth.
6 We will save a lot of sea creatures	_____ if we reduce the number of cars on the streets.
7 We will reduce CO ₂ emissions	_____ if you use sensor lights.

B) Fill in with the right tense of the verbs in brackets.

- If you _____ (**create**) less waste, you _____ (**be**) environmentally friendly.
- You _____ (**help**) the environment if you _____ (**plant**) some trees around your house.
- If everybody _____ (**turn off**) the lights when they leave the room, we _____ (**use**) less electricity.
- Many species of animals _____ (**lose**) their habitats if we _____ (**cut down**) forests.
- You _____ (**save**) both water and electricity if you _____ (**take**) short showers.
- If we _____ (**not start**) saving water now, we _____ (**not have**) drinking water in the future.
- Your dad _____ (**reduce**) CO₂ emissions if he _____ (**buy**) locally grown food.
- If your mum _____ (**start**) using cleaning products that don't contain harmful chemicals, she _____ (**help**) the environment.
- If everybody _____ (**stop**) throwing litter on the streets, they _____ (**make**) the environment clean.
- Polar ice caps _____ (**melt**) if the global temperature _____ (**not stop**) increasing.

C) Use prompts to make CONDITIONAL CLAUSES TYPE 1.

1 people continue throwing away plastic - more plastic than fish in the oceans by 2050

2 save our environment - we change our behaviour

3 throw chemicals into the sea – not able to swim in it

4 people care about the environment – start recycling more

5 use reusable bags for shopping – reduce the amount of plastic waste

6 save electricity and money – turn off your computer at night

7 turn off the tap while brushing your teeth – save more than 10 litres of water every day

8 orangutans become extinct in the next 20 years – continue with deforestation

3 GERUND**Put the verbs in brackets into gerund.**

1 You can be environmentally friendly by _____ (**ride**) the bike or _____ (**walk**) to school.

2 By _____ (**join**) environmental groups, you can learn how to protect the environment.

3 By _____ (**create**) less waste, we can save a lot of animals.

4 _____ (**fix**) leaking pipes can save an enormous amount of water.

5 We can help the environment by _____ (**educate**) others about its importance.

6 By _____ (**unplug**) the mobile phone charger when it is fully charged, you can save electricity.

7 Children can help their local community by _____ (**pick**) up litter on the street around their house or school.