

1. Brainstorm words and ideas associated with "world wonder" for 2 minutes.

2. With your groups, [click on the links](#) for each Unit Ten vocabulary word below. Discuss the meaning and then make an example for each word in the boxes below.

[commonplace](#)

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[shortage](#)

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[frank](#)

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[glacier](#)

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[mount](#)

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[irreversible](#)

worldwide

threaten

3. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the following words:

commonplace	shortage	frank	glacier
worldwide	threaten	mount	irreversible

- a. In Chile and Argentina, melting [] will bring about a drier climate.
- b. This will affect more than one billion people [].
- c. Scientists say extreme weather will become [] in the future.
- d. World governments and environmental organizations are becoming a little more open to [] discussions on the changing climate.
- e. Evidence continues to [] on how much damage we have done to the environment.
- f. Some of the damage is [].
- g. Water [] all around the world will be normal.
- h. Global warming now [] to destroy some of the Earth's natural wonders, too.

4. Read the following article:

Winters are growing warmer each year. Summers are hotter and drier. Scientists say extreme weather will become **commonplace** in the future. Water **shortages** all around the world will be normal, because **glaciers** will **shrink**. This will affect more than one billion people **worldwide**, because rich and poor alike need water. And according to new information, the news gets darker. **Global warming** now **threatens** to destroy some of the Earth's natural wonders, too.

The news comes at a time when world governments and environmental organizations are becoming a little more open to **frank** discussions on the changing **climate**. Evidence continues to **mount** on how much damage we have done to the environment.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in Brussels recently issued its strongest warning. It stated in a report that humankind's activities in the past fifty years are definitely the top reason for **global warming**.

So what will the **impact** of today be on the world of tomorrow? If the predictions are correct, then ocean temperatures will rise by at least 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit (or a little more than 1 degree Celsius). **Coral reefs** everywhere will begin to lose their colour and die. Australia's Great Barrier Reef, one of the world's natural wonders, will completely disappear. In the Amazonian rain forest, many of the trees will die, and sixty percent of the area will become dry grasslands. The temperatures of the Amazon River will increase by 3.6 to 5.4 degrees Fahrenheit (about 2 to 3 degrees Celsius). In Chile and Argentina, melting **glaciers** will bring about a drier **climate**. This will lead to more forest fires in the region. And that is only the tip of the iceberg.

Some of the damage is **irreversible**. Yet the report also **indicates** that the destruction of **coral reefs** and other ecosystems could be limited, or even prevented.

5. Decide if the following sentences are true or false, according to the article:

- a. Water shortages will happen more frequently.
 - True
 - False

- b. According to the article, governments and environmental agencies are talking about the problems.
 - True
 - False

- c. Humankind is not responsible for global warming.
 - True
 - False

- d. If nothing is done, Australia's Great Barrier Reef will die in the future.
 - True
 - False

- e. We cannot reverse the damage done to the environment.
 - True
 - False

6. Answer the following comprehension questions:

- a. Why will people around the world face water shortages?
- b. What new news does the article give about world wonders?
- c. What did the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change say?
- d. What will happen to the Amazonian rain forest?
- e. What could happen to ocean reefs around the world if we took better care of the environment?

7. Discuss:

You have discovered a strange technology that lets you see 500 years into the future.

- Discuss what the Earth will be like if we do not protect the environment
(The Future)
- Discuss possible ways to prevent what you see **(Solutions)**

Problem:	The Future:	Solutions:
natural wonders in danger		
melting glaciers		
higher temperatures		
shrinking wildlife population		
dirtier air		