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Level 1

Botanic gardens 'best hope' for saving plants

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Many plants are in danger of dying out. A scientist said one in five of the world's plants is in danger. Botanic gardens contain about 100,000 species, including many endangered plants. They help to protect endangered and rare plants. The scientist said: "We have [looked] at the wide range of plants grown, managed and conserved in botanic gardens....We know what we have and, perhaps more importantly, what is missing from botanic gardens."

A researcher said botanic gardens were the best hope for saving endangered plants. He said there was no reason why one-fifth of plants is under threat. If we do not protect plants, we could have trouble finding food in the future. We will also have problems solving problems like climate change. Many plants are in danger because humans cut down forests for farms and cities. Plants are also in danger from climate change.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-41388144>
<http://www.zmescience.com/science/biology/botanic-garden-endangered-plants-26092017/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Many plants are in danger of dying | a. rare plants |
| 2. Botanic gardens contain about | b. conserved |
| 3. protect endangered and | c. gardens |
| 4. the wide range | d. out |
| 5. managed and | e. importantly |
| 6. We know what we | f. of plants grown |
| 7. perhaps more | g. 100,000 species |
| 8. missing from botanic | h. have |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. botanic gardens were the best | a. threat |
| 2. He said there was no reason | b. danger |
| 3. one-fifth of plants is under | c. change |
| 4. we could have trouble | d. hope |
| 5. Many plants are in | e. danger |
| 6. cut down forests for farms | f. finding food |
| 7. Plants are also in | g. why |
| 8. climate | h. and cities |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Many plants are in (1) _____ out. A scientist said one in five of the world's plants (2) _____. Botanic gardens contain about (3) _____, including many endangered plants. They help to protect endangered and (4) _____. The scientist said: "We have [looked] at the (5) _____ plants grown, managed and (6) _____ botanic gardens....We know what we have and, perhaps more importantly, what is missing from botanic gardens."

A researcher said botanic gardens were (7) _____ for saving endangered plants. He said there (8) _____ why one-fifth of plants is under threat. If we do not protect plants, we could (9) _____ finding food in the future. We will also have problems (10) _____ like climate change. Many plants are in danger because humans (11) _____ for farms and cities. Plants are also (12) _____ climate change.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BOTANIC GARDENS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1709/170929-botanic-gardens-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about botanic gardens in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

