

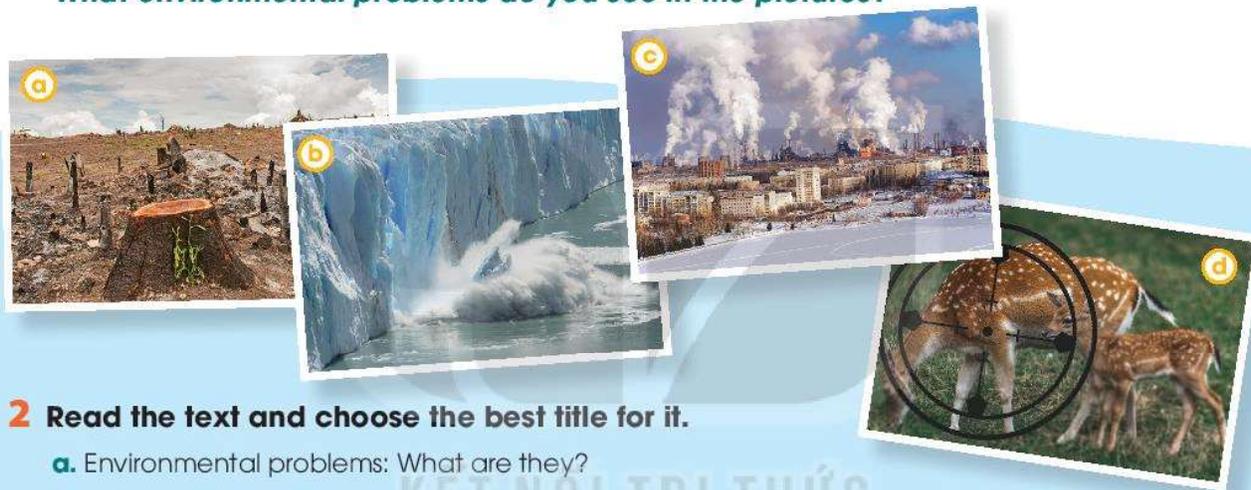
## 2 Change these sentences into reported speech.

1. 'The burning of coal leads to air pollution,' Mrs Le explained.
2. 'I have to present my paper on endangered animals next week,' Nam said.
3. 'Do human activities have an impact on the environment?' Linda asked the speaker.
4. 'What environmental projects is your school working on?' Nam asked Mai.
5. 'I will read more articles before writing the essay, Nam,' Tom said.

## III READING

### 1 Work in pairs. Look at the pictures and answer the following question.

*What environmental problems do you see in the pictures?*



### 2 Read the text and choose the best title for it.

- a. Environmental problems: What are they?
- b. Environmental protection: How important is it?
- c. Environmental solutions: How practical are they?

The environment we live in is facing many serious problems. We need to be aware of these problems so that we can find ways to protect nature.

- A. Global warming is the rise in the average temperature of the earth's atmosphere. It is one of the biggest issues facing humans today. It can have serious consequences such as rising sea levels, Polar ice melting and extreme weather events like floods or heatwaves.
- B. Another environmental problem is the cutting and clearing of natural forests. The loss of forests can have a negative impact on the environment. It can damage the natural habitats of many animals and put wildlife in danger. It can also destroy the natural soil and lead to climate change.
- C. Air pollution is also a serious problem. It is mainly caused by waste gases that come out of vehicles, machines or factories. When these harmful gases combine with the water in the air, they come down as rain or snow, which can damage all forms of life. In addition, this problem leads to global warming and climate change. It is also a major cause of respiratory diseases or even lung cancer.
- D. Around the world, the number of endangered animals is rising. Many of them disappear because of pollution and climate change. In addition, humans illegally hunt and kill animals, and catch too many fish at once. This is upsetting the natural balance of ecosystems, which can be harmful to all living and non-living things.

**3 Read the text again and decide which paragraph contains the following information.**

Information	Paragraph
1. an example of harmful substances in the air and water	
2. one of the reasons for destroying wildlife habitats	
3. an increase in the level of the world's oceans	
4. an effect of illegal hunting on the ecosystem	

**4 Complete the sentences with the information from the text. Use no more than TWO words for each answer.**

1. Global warming can cause extreme \_\_\_\_\_ such as floods or heatwaves.
2. The natural \_\_\_\_\_ of many animals can be destroyed in the process of cutting down forests.
3. One of the main causes of air pollution is \_\_\_\_\_ produced by machines and factories.
4. When many animals disappear, this damages the natural balance of \_\_\_\_\_.

**5 Work in groups. Discuss the question.**

*Which of the problems mentioned in the text do you think is the most serious in Viet Nam?*

## IV SPEAKING

### Solutions to environmental problems

**1 Work in pairs. Match the environmental problems to the suggested solutions.**

1. DISAPPEARANCE OF ENDANGERED ANIMALS

2. DEFORESTATION

3. AIR POLLUTION

a. Recycle paper, plastics and wood products

b. Use electric vehicles or public transport, and plant more trees

c. Stop illegal hunting and fishing

d. Stop burning leaves, rubbish and other materials

e. Avoid products that are made from animal parts

f. Introduce strict laws to prevent the cutting of natural forests