

- 1 People starving
- 2 Wildlife species at risk
- 3 Too much rubbish
- 4 Problems with clean water
- 5 Land being damaged
- 6 Oil pollution of waters
- 7 Heavy traffic causing air pollution
- 8 Premature death of residents of big cities
- 9 Harmful substances producing greenhouse gases
- 10 Overpopulation

2 Read this extract from a book review and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word for each space.

“Earth” by David Brin — Reviewed by Bryan Osborn

The year is 2038, and Earth is (1) _____ trouble. War has ended as everyone has united (2) _____ an attempt to save (3) _____ planet. The ozone layer is nearly depleted, and global warming (4) _____ in full swing. The ice caps (5) _____ melting, and the oceans are rising, wiping out any city near (6) _____ ocean. Enormous arks have been constructed to, (7) _____ least temporarily, keep many animal species (8) _____ becoming extinct. However, there (9) _____ even more immediate dangers than these environmental concerns.

Physicist Alex Lustig has reported one (10) _____ his experiments with black holes going wrong, the black hole has dropped into (11) _____ Earth. Just as Lustig determines (12) _____ his black hole should evaporate without any harm done, he finds another black hole that is (13) _____ larger and threatens to consume the entire planet. The race is on to save the planet and find (14) _____ how this bigger black hole came (15) _____ be on Earth.