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Level 2

Botanic gardens 'best hope' for saving plants

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THE READING

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Scientists say that many of the world's plants are in danger of dying out – of becoming extinct. Dr Paul Smith said one in five of the world's plants is in danger. Botanic gardens contain about 100,000 species, including a third of all the world's endangered plants. Botanic gardens help to protect many endangered and rare plants. Dr Smith said: "This is the first time that we have [looked] at the wide range of plants grown, managed and conserved in botanic gardens. For the first time we know what we have and, perhaps more importantly, what is missing from botanic gardens."

Researcher Dr Samuel Brockington said botanic gardens were the best hope for saving the world's endangered plants. He said: "One-fifth of plant diversity is under threat, yet there is no technical reason why any plant species should become extinct." If we do not protect plants, people could have trouble finding food in the future. Dr Brockington said: "If we do not conserve our plant diversity, humanity will struggle to solve the global challenges of food...security...and climate change." Plants are in danger because of humans cutting down forests and climate change.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-41388144>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. becoming | a. botanic gardens |
| 2. one in five of the world's plants | b. extinct |
| 3. Botanic gardens contain | c. from botanic gardens |
| 4. protect many endangered | d. is in danger |
| 5. the wide range of plants | e. time we know |
| 6. conserved in | f. and rare plants |
| 7. For the first | g. grown |
| 8. what is missing | h. about 100,000 species |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. botanic gardens were the best | a. food security |
| 2. saving the world's | b. extinct |
| 3. One-fifth of plant diversity is under | c. down forests |
| 4. become | d. hope |
| 5. conserve our plant | e. danger |
| 6. solve the global challenges of | f. endangered plants |
| 7. Plants are in | g. diversity |
| 8. because of humans cutting | h. threat |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists say that many of the world's (1) _____ danger of dying out – of becoming extinct. Dr Paul Smith said (2) _____ the world's plants is in danger. Botanic gardens contain about 100,000 species, (3) _____ of all the world's endangered plants. Botanic gardens help to protect many endangered and rare plants. Dr Smith said: "This is the first time that we have [looked] at (4) _____ plants grown, managed (5) _____ botanic gardens. For the first time we know what we have and, (6) _____, what is missing from botanic gardens."

Researcher Dr Samuel Brockington said botanic gardens were the (7) _____ saving the world's endangered plants. He said: "One-fifth of plant diversity (8) _____, yet there is no technical reason why (9) _____ should become extinct." If we do not protect plants, people could have trouble (10) _____ the future. Dr Brockington said: "If we do not conserve our plant diversity, (11) _____ to solve the global challenges of food...security...and climate change." Plants are in danger because of humans (12) _____ and 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **botanic gardens** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
