

## Topic : Australia and the Environment : Man and Nature

### AXE 1: Man and Nature

**KEY QUESTION:** How do Australians interact with their environment, and what does this reveal about their relationship with nature in the context of climate change?

## LESSON 3

### Modern threats : Man vs Nature?

To what extent do human actions protect or threaten the natural world?

#### **Activity 1 : Brainstorming** (5–10 min)

1. What natural disasters affect Australia?
2. How can fire, drought and human activities threaten nature?



**1- Describe the document.**

- Type of document ? Country ? Topic ?

**2- What is the main message of the document?**

- Australia is a safe natural paradise
- Australia faces many environmental threats
- Nature in Australia is fully protected

**3- Name four environmental challenges shown in the document.**

**4- Match each challenge with its consequence.**

<b>Challenge</b>	<b>Consequence</b>
Wildfires	loss of marine biodiversity
Drought	threat to native animals
Coral bleaching	destruction of forests and habitats
Invasive species	water scarcity

**C. Focus Man vs Nature**

**5- Which challenges are partly caused by human activities? Give examples.**

**6- Why can we say that the relationship between humans and nature is unbalanced in Australia?**

**7- What does the document suggest about the future of Australia's environment?**

## **Activity 2**

Australia's environment in 'shocking' decline, report finds - BBC News July 2022

### **HELP!**

A sticking point= something that hinders progress

ACT= AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Drought= sécheresse

The Great Barrier Reef

A riverbank= rive, berge

A platypus= unornithorynque

At risk of extinction

Watch this video and answer the following questions:

**1. Who is being interviewed?**

**2. What are the results of a five-yearly environmental report which has just been released by the government? Give a detailed answer using what is said in the whole video.**

**3. What natural disasters are mentioned in the video?**

**4. According to Lucy Hawkings, what is the real sticking point in Australia? What is she calling on the new government to do?**

**5. How are some animals in Australia affected by climate change?**

## Grammar :

- a) Australia's environment **has declined** dramatically.
- b) Bushfires **destroyed** millions of hectares in 2019 and 2020.

**Present Perfect** = Construction : .....

Lien avec le sens : .....

**Past Simple** = Construction : .....

Lien avec le sens.....

### Exercise 1 – Choose between present perfect or past simple.

1. Australia's environment \_\_\_\_\_ (decline) over the past decades.
2. The government \_\_\_\_\_ (publish) the report in July 2022.
3. Bushfires \_\_\_\_\_ (kill) thousands of animals in recent years.
4. Climate change \_\_\_\_\_ (cause) extreme weather events.

### Exercise 2 : Explain how the video shows that Australia's environmental problems are both recent and ongoing.

#### Expression of cause and consequence :

**Cause** : because of / due to / as a result of

**Conséquence** : so / therefore / Consequently / as a result / that's why / That's the reason why