

Answers

- ① It has increased.
- ② because a wide variety of animal and plant life keeps us healthy and happy
- ③ any three from: the breathable air, clean water, food, building materials, medicine, energy, fertile soils, climate regulation, transport, our entertainment and spiritual well-being
- ④ because they regulate the supply of fresh water and protect the people in the lowlands
- ⑤ those with a range of species
- ⑥ **b** It is important to try to save not only a particular endangered species, but also the habitat where it lives.

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| die out | destroy |
| break down | go back |
| set off | cease to exist |
| kill off | start |
| reverse | disintegrate/
become weaker |