

Vocabulary practice

1 Complete these sentences with words from the *Keywords* box.

- 1 A hiker was lucky to survive after spending five days lost in the _____ in Alaska.
- 2 After a terrible performance in their last match, it's _____ that the team win today.
- 3 An astronaut's space suit is a complete _____.
- 4 First-time bungee jumpers have described the experience as both terrifying and _____.
- 5 Steve Jobs was the _____ of the computer giant, Apple.
- 6 The Olympic Games often involve urban _____ projects in the host cities.

2 Look at the article and find synonyms for the underlined words.

- 1 Earle talks about her first meeting and experience with the ocean.
- 2 She was previously the chief scientist at the NOAA.
- 3 Earle wants to develop areas to defend and protect important living systems.
- 4 She thought the sea was too big to be damaged and hurt by people.
- 5 Many large animals used to live in the Gulf of Mexico.
- 6 The fish populations had been reduced and used up by overfishing.
- 7 The ocean is the foundation of our life support system.
- 8 That part of the sea was crowded with life.

Grammar practice

- 3** Look at this quote from the article. Complete sentences 1 and 2 so they have the same meaning. Then complete the remaining mixed conditional sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

Take away the ocean and we don't have a planet that works.

- 1 If you _____ the ocean, we _____ a planet that works. (*take away/ not have*)
- 2 If the ocean _____ , the planet _____. (*not exist / not work*)
- 3 If the sea _____ Earle, she _____ a marine scientist today. (*frighten / not be*)
- 4 There _____ plenty of fish in the Gulf of Mexico if there _____ overfishing. (*be / not be*)
- 5 If we _____ the way we go fishing, there _____ more fish in the future. (*change / be*)
- 6 The Gulf of Mexico _____ a disaster zone if the Deepwater Oil spill _____ any worse. (*still be / be*)
- 7 If we _____ important marine areas, we _____ a better future. (*protect / have*)
- 8 If oil companies _____ more careful, there _____ fewer oil spills. (*be / be*)