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Only a generation ago, Mauritania's capital city was many days walk from the Sahara. Today it is in the Sahara. 1.\_\_\_\_\_ The sand blows through the city streets and piles up in 2.\_\_\_\_\_ walls and fences. The desert stretches out as far as the eye can see. In some parts of the Amazon rain forest in Brazil, all the trees have been cut down. The earth lies bare and dry in the 3.\_\_\_\_\_ hot sun. Nothing grows there anymore. 4.\_\_\_\_\_ Over vast areas of every continent, the rainfall and vegetation necessary for life is disappearing. Already 5.\_\_\_\_\_ more than 40 percent of the earth's land is desert and 6.\_\_\_\_\_ desert-like. About 628 million people--one out of seven-- live in these dry regions. In the past, they have managed to survive, but in difficulty. Now, largely through problems 7.\_\_\_\_\_ caused by modern life, our existence is threatened by the 8.\_\_\_\_\_ slow, steady spread of the earth's deserts. Many countries first became concerned in the 1970s after 9.\_\_\_\_\_ a terrible drought and famine destroyed Africa's Sahel, the fragile desert along the south edge of the Sahara. Thousands of people died even though there was a worldwide effort to send food and medicine to the starved people. 10.\_\_\_\_\_

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