

Task: Read the text and do the following exercises.

## NATURE AND TECHNOLOGY

Hi, kids! I'm Joss Baxter. I'm a national park ranger so, as you can imagine, I'm interested in nature. I am also worried, not about our national parks but about the climate. The US is one of the most modern countries in the world. We have all the newest technologies: Cars, planes, refrigerators and are just a few of them. They make life easier for us. But they produce gases which are changing the world's climate. The Earth is getting warmer. Some of you think, "That's great! We'll have longer summers and even greater beach parties!"

And that's true! But it means disaster not only for animals like the polar bear, whose home is disappearing. In the US, for example, we have always had tornados. But higher temperatures mean more storms and bigger storms. The tornado which hit New Orleans in August, 2005 was more than 100 miles across. Tornados bring strong winds, rain and floods but higher temperatures also bring drought<sup>1</sup> to many countries, which have no rain for years. So what can we do? We can't just stop using the things which technology has given us and we can't yet use technology to stop tornados or make it rain! But we can all change the way we live. For a start we can use less electricity, drive smaller cars and use public transport<sup>2</sup>. So before you switch on the air-conditioning or jump in the car to drive to the shopping mall for an ice-cream, think! Maybe you can get cool under a tree with a large glass of lemonade!

### A) Skills

Read the article and find the English words for these German words.

- a) Klima \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Klimaanlage \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Gase \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Eisbär \_\_\_\_\_

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### B) Understanding

Read the article again and complete the sentences.

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|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| a) Joss Baxter is a      | 1 Teacher         | 2 Park ranger        | 3 Farmer            |
| b) She is worried about  | 1 Nature          | 2 The national parks | 3 The climate       |
| c) Technology makes life | 1 Warmer          | 2 Easier.            | 3 Longer            |
| d) They have always had  | 1 Tornados        | 2 Polar bears        | 3 Beach parties     |
| e) Tornados bring        | 1 Rain and floods | 2 Drought and rain   | 3 Wind and gases    |
| f) We can all            | 1 Make it rain    | 2 Change how we live | 3 Drive bigger cars |
| g) You could get cool    | 1 In a fridge     | 2 In the sea         | 3 Under a tree      |

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Task: Read the text carefully.

## A letter to a magazine

Dear Newtech,

Your article on the Skywalk last month describes the new platform as „ a great piece of tribal technology“. I´m one of the oldest members of the Hualapai tribe and I´m worried. I see the Skywalk as a big problem: Our land is for everyone, for us, for our ancestors, for our children and our children´s children. We must look after it. We get all our food from it and water from the rivers and lakes. So we must respect it.

The Skywalk will bring too many tourists to our land. They´ll take our rocks as souvenirs and damage the land. And they´ll leave all their garbage. And they´ll use our water. We already don´t have enough water-they´ll come and use it all up with their toilets and showers.

Some land is very sacred to the Hualapai people. This means we mustn´t build anything on it. But our tribal council has let others do this on sacred Hualapai ground. The Skywalk is like a monster which shows no respect for our ancestors. It could stop people on their way to better lands after they die.

I´m sure that one day the people from our tribe who said „yes“ to this monster will be sorry. But by then it´ll be too late!

Yours,

Rory Quasala,  
Peach Springs

### Understanding: (5)

Read the text and find the best answer.

- 1 The letter is about...
  - a) a technology park.
  - b) a new platform.
  - c) a monster film.
  
- 2 Rory Quasala is
  - a) a tourist.
  - b) a member of the tribe.

- c) an ancestor.
3. He thinks the Skywalk will
    - a) bring too many children.
    - b) be good for the land.
    - c) be bad for his tribe.
  4. The tourists will use...
    - a) too many rocks.
    - b) the tribe's water.
    - c) a lot of garbage.
  5. The Skywalk is built on land which is...
    - a) full of souvenirs.
    - b) better for tribes.
    - c) sacred to the Hualapai

Language: (6)

Find the word in the text with the same or similar meaning.

report	
take care of	
visitors	
stones	
rubbish	
land	

Skills : (6)

Read the text again. Collect reasons why Rory is against the Skywalk. Write down at least 4 reasons.

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## Grammar: If-Clauses

### 11 Type 2

Dreams or nightmare? What would you do? Complete the sentences.

1. If my mother married my teacher,

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2. If my favourite star invited me to a party,

\_\_\_\_\_

3. I would be very happy if

\_\_\_\_\_

4. If I were the president of the United States of America,

\_\_\_\_\_

Fill in the right form of the verbs.

1. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to a summer camp, I

\_\_\_\_\_ (miss) my family and friends.

2. We \_\_\_\_\_ (have) to work hard if we

\_\_\_\_\_ (want) to finish our project in time.

3. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) too much, I

\_\_\_\_\_ (feel) sick.

4. I \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a big house if I

\_\_\_\_\_ (win) the lottery.

### 12 Type 1 or 2 ??? Fill in the correct form of the verbs

1. If I were you, I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Las Vegas

2. My sister will spend some time in America if she

\_\_\_\_\_ (pass) her exams

3. What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) if you only

\_\_\_\_\_ (have) one day to live?

