

Geography Transition Challenges Worksheet - Compassion

Challenge 1

You have listened to the poem "The Last Hedgehog" by Pam Ayres, which highlights how human activities impact other species.

Read the poem again and then answer the 2 tasks below.

The Last Hedgehog by Pam Ayres

Farewell farewell for what it's worth
From the final hedgehog left on earth
Cousin Henry, young and bright
Went up in flames on bonfire night
And poor old Grandpa, fast asleep
Was stabbed to death in a compost heap.
My Uncle in one playful bound
Fell into a swimming pool and drowned.
My Aunt was old, her eyes had dimmed.
But all the same she wound up strimmed.
You didn't look, you didn't see,
and there she goes an amputee.
If in your fence you'd made a space
We could have moved from place to place.
And in a cosy pile of logs
Produced a nest of little hogs.
From now on, as you pull the drapes
You'll see no round familiar shapes
Nevermore from dusk till dawn
Will eat slugs on your lawn.
So little gratitude you've shown
From now on you can eat your own.
Drowned in rubbish, drowned in junk
That's why our populations shrunk.

You threw down stuff you couldn't use.
The plastic rings from packs of booze,
Polluted, poisoned, burned and mowed,
and ran us over in the road.
If you'd have been a hedgehogs friend,
You'd give your pond a shallow end. You'd leave a
drink when gardens fried.
You'd cover drains where creatures died,
Where walls are vertical and steep,
and starving hedgehogs fall asleep.
Like the owl which hunts the mouse.
Like swifts returning to a house
We fit interlocking rings
Neatly in the scheme of things.
This is the truth, these are the facts,
The whole of nature interacts.
And so farewell for what its worth,
From the final hedgehog on earth,
In garden netting tightly wound
I have no hope of being found.
Some curtain call. Some final bow.
You crocodiles. Start crying now.

How do you think the last hedgehog feels?

Answer =

In the poem, what strategies does it state that humans can do in their gardens to provide space for animals like hedgehogs?

Answer =

Challenge 2

Below are 4 photos from Storm Eunice, which affected the UK in 2022. We can use these photos to identify the impacts and consider how people felt.



Looking at the 4 images above, what impacts can you identify? List *at least 5* impacts.

Answer =

Focus on the picture in the top left, how do you think the owners of this house felt? Explain your answer.

Answer =

Challenge 3

Christchurch, New Zealand was affected by an earthquake in 2011. This earthquake destroyed parts of the city, including its cathedral. Following the earthquake, rebuilding has taken place. This has included The Cardboard Cathedral.

The ruined cathedral has come to represent the earthquake itself, with the cardboard cathedral seen as a symbol of moving on.

Christchurch's cathedral that was destroyed in the earthquake:



Christchurch's Cardboard Cathedral built after the earthquake:



Following an event like an earthquake, how do people help those affected?

Explain why building the cathedral was important to give people hope.