

## WORKING WITH TEXTS 3

# National Parks in Danger

### Before you read

- 1** Use your dictionary. Find the translation for these words.

BEAR	WATERFALL	TROPICAL FOREST
GLACIER	GEYSER	WILDLIFE

### Reading

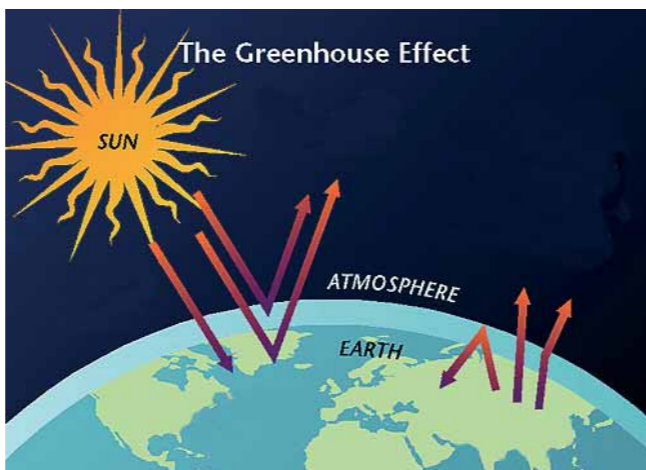
- 2** Read the text and answer the questions.

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There are 58 national parks in the USA. These are areas of great natural beauty. They are protected by the government. The oldest national park in the world is Yellowstone in the USA, famous for its geysers and wildlife.



Other national parks include Yosemite, famous for its Sequoia redwood trees, Glacier which has two mountain ranges and 130 lakes and Niagara, famous for its waterfalls. Niagara has two enormous waterfalls: the Horseshoe Falls in Canada and the American/Bridal falls in the USA.



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The future of these national parks is at risk because of global warming. Global warming is the increase in the average global temperature. Scientists calculate that industrial activity has increased the surface temperature of the Earth and the amount of some gases in the air. These gases trap heat in a process called the Greenhouse Effect. What will happen if global warming continues? Sea levels will rise. This will be a problem for areas near the coast. The weather will change and there will be more storms. Some regions will have more problems with water. Tropical forests will die and some animals will become extinct. More people will suffer from diseases like malaria.

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So what about America's national parks and global warming? Yellowstone National Park is famous for its grizzly bears. Grizzly bears eat seeds, but they have competition from insects. There are more insects because temperatures are higher. As a result, grizzly bears have problems finding food. In Glacier National Park, some glaciers are melting and there might be no glaciers by 2050. Niagara Falls is also affected by global warming. The temperature is higher than in the past, so mist often forms. It's difficult to see the falls.



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You can help save America's parks and our parks too. Save energy: turn off lights, TVs, computers and mobile phones. Take the bus to school and reduce greenhouse gases. Buy recycled or recyclable things.

### Summary skills

- 3A** Choose a title for each paragraph.

- The Biggest Dangers to National Parks
- Stopping Global Warming
- All about National Parks
- Effects of Global Warming on National Parks

- 3B** Match these synonyms.

wildlife	areas
enormous	in danger
at risk	fog
regions	wild animals
mist	switching off
turning off	very big

### Questions

- 1 How many national parks are there in the USA?
- 2 What is Yosemite famous for?
- 3 What are the names of the two large waterfalls in Niagara National Park?
- 4 What is global warming?
- 5 What will happen to sea levels if global warming continues?
- 6 What will happen to tropical forests?
- 7 What animal is Yellowstone National Park famous for?
- 8 What do these animals eat?
- 9 What problem does Glacier National Park face?
- 10 Name two things you can do to help stop global warming.



**Synonyms are very useful when you write a summary. You can't copy sentences, but you can change them!**