

America's first permanent English settlement threatened by climate change**Listening comprehension**

- 1. Listen to the first part of the text. This version contains 13 mistakes. Underline each wrong word and write your corrections in the right column. You will hear the text twice.**

The island of Jamestown, Virginia, is an important part in American _____ (01)
 history. In 1607, a group of 104 persons from England sailed there and _____ (02)
 made it their new home, creating the first permanent English settlement _____ (03)
 in North America and naming it for their king, James I. _____ (04)

Over the years, the settlement survived disease, famine, and war, but _____ (05)
 today it may have met its match: Climate change may finally put the end _____ (06)
 to the settlement. The National Trust from Historic Preservation has _____ (07)
 added Jamestown to the list of the most endangered historical places in _____ (08)
 the U.S. _____ (09)

Early settlers showed Jamestown for its location, according to the U.S. _____ (10)
 National Park Service. While Jamestown is now an island, it used to be a _____ (11)
 peninsula, surrounded on three sides with water. _____ (12)

The water protected the settlement from attacks, let friendly ships safely _____ (13)
 pass by to deliver supplies, and made it easier for settlers to _____ (14)
 communicate with the outside world. James Horn, the president of the _____ (15)
 Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation, told the BBC that that water has _____ (16)
 now become “the most destructive heart of Jamestown.” _____ (17)

Sea levels in the area have been rising, and rainstorms had become _____ (18)
 more frequent. Horn said that there are “multiple challenges” at _____ (19)
 Jamestown, and so they all have something to do with climate change. _____ (20)
 “Essentially,” he says, “we can’t get rid of the water.” Already, the _____ (21)
 surrounding James River has eroded all the western part of the _____ (22)
 settlement. Archaeologist Sean Romo told the Washington Post that _____ (23)

some areas on the island, which may have contained historic artifacts, _____(24)

are also now under water. _____(25)

2. Listen to the second part of the text (paras. 6–11), and tick (✓) the right answers.

a) The Starving Time took place during ...

... the spring of 1608. ()

... the winter of 1608–1609. ()

... the winter of 1609–1610. ()

b) By early 1610, most of the first Jamestown settlers ...

... had moved back to England. ()

... worked on tobacco farms. ()

... had died. ()

c) Experts say that climate change at Jamestown ...

... needs to be dealt with in the next five years. ()

... has made the island more attractive for tourists. ()

... has turned it back into a peninsula. ()

d) Money was raised to repair the sea wall because ...

... it is ugly. ()

... sunlight has melted it. ()

... its blocks might fall out. ()

Vocabulary

1. Find a word or expression that means the same as each of the words (a–j) below. The paragraphs where you can find the words in the article are indicated in brackets.

a) lasting (para. 0)	
b) to put at risk (para. 0)	
c) illness (para. 2)	
d) to bring (para. 4)	
e) damaging (para. 4)	
f) to remove (para. 5)	
g) to go on (para. 8)	
h) to handle (para. 8)	
i) to collect (para. 9)	
j) to keep (para. 11)	

2. Look at the text again. Match the following words (a–h) with their definitions (A–J). There are two definitions that you will not need.

Word	Definition
a) survive (para. 2)	A an increase in Earth's temperature over time
b) famine (para. 2)	B an object made by humans, often historically important
c) settler (para. 3)	C to continue to live, especially after something difficult happens
d) peninsula (para. 3)	D a site where archaeologists work to unearth artifacts
e) foundation (para. 4)	E a piece of land that is almost completely surrounded by water
f) artifact (para. 5)	F the natural features of a piece of land
g) dig (para. 8)	G a person who moves to a new place, where few people live
h) landscape (para. 10)	H a person who works to find important historical items
	I an extreme shortage of food
	J an organization created to provide money for research or for a group of people

a)	b)	c)	d)	e)	f)	g)	h)



Grammar

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one. Use the **KEY WORD** in brackets and do not change it. You must use between four and seven words.

1 Because of climate change, Jamestown has lost some of its important artifacts.

(CAUSED)

The loss of important artifacts at Jamestown _____.

2 Many settlers at Jamestown starved to death within a few years.

(STARVATION)

Within a few years, many settlers at Jamestown _____.

3 Hundreds of years passed before researchers found out how settlers made it through the winter.

(AFTER)

_____, researchers found out how settlers made it through the winter.

4 People need to take action to fight climate change at Jamestown now.

(WANT)

_____, people need to take action at Jamestown now.

5 Jamestown Rediscovery is helping rebuild the sea wall.

(WITH)

The sea wall is being rebuilt _____.

Answer key

Listening comprehension

- (1) in → of • (2) persons → people • (4) for → after • (6) the → an • (7) from → for • (10) showed → chose • (12) with → by • (14) by → through • (17) heart → part • (18) had → have • (20) so → that • (22) all → away • (24) on → of
- a) the winter of 1609-1610. (para. 6) • b) had died. (para. 7) • c) needs to be dealt with in the next five years. (para. 8) • d) its blocks might fall out. (para. 9)

Reading comprehension

a) True • b) False – Jamestown settlers experienced disease, famine, and war. • c) Not mentioned • d) False – Jamestown is at risk because there's too much water now, due to rising sea levels and increased rainfall. • e) Not mentioned • f) True • g) False – Some settlers survived by eating other settlers who had already died. • h) True

Vocabulary

- a) permanent • b) threaten(ed) • c) disease • d) deliver • e) destructive • f) get rid of • g) continue • h) deal with • i) raise(d) • j) hold on to
- a) C • b) I • c) G • d) E • e) J • f) B • g) D • h) F

Grammar

- (1) ... was caused by climate change. • (2) ... had died of starvation. • (3) After hundreds of years ... • (4) If they want to fight climate change ... • (5) ... with the help of Jamestown Rediscovery.

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