

# Change, cause and effect

arise (v)	due to (phr)	means (n)
circumstance (n)	gradually (adv)	reaction (n)
collapse (n/v)	increasingly (adv)	recover (v)
decline (n/v)	lead (v)	responsible (adj)
dramatic (adj)	lower (v)	significant (adj)

### Means

The plural form of **means** is the same as the singular form.

### A Complete the questions using words from the box.

arise decline dramatic increasingly means reaction recover responsible

- 1 What's your \_\_\_\_\_ to the photo?
- 2 Who do you think is \_\_\_\_\_ for clearing up the mess?
- 3 Why do situations like these \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 4 Do you think the planet will ever \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 5 Why has there been such a \_\_\_\_\_ increase in plastic waste in recent years?
- 6 What \_\_\_\_\_ could be used to clean the area?
- 7 What might cause the \_\_\_\_\_ of the plastics industry?
- 8 Why is it becoming \_\_\_\_\_ common to witness scenes like this?



### B Replace the underlined words and phrases with the words and phrases from the box.

circumstances collapse dramatic due to gradually  
led to lower recover responsible significant

- 1 The force of the winds caused the bridge to suddenly fall. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 There's been a sudden surprising improvement in Jack's marks this year. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 The coastline took 20 years to get back to normal after the oil spill. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 I'm not to blame for the accident, because I wasn't even there! \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 The bad weather resulted in long delays at the airport. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 In normal conditions our team wouldn't have lost, but our best player was injured. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 The doctor said that her headaches were probably because of stress. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 There's been a large increase in the number of electric cars on the road. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 The banks have promised to reduce interest rates in the New Year. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 After her operation, she slowly recovered her health. \_\_\_\_\_

### C Complete the text. Use one word or phrase from the vocabulary list at the top of the page for each space.

During the 1920s, there was a lot of money in the USA <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ increased production in agriculture and industry. This <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to a great deal of interest in the stock market. More and more people began to buy shares, and a <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ number borrowed money to do so. Meanwhile, problems began to <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in agriculture. Farmers were producing too much food, so there was less demand, and they had to <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ their prices. The same thing was happening in industry: it was becoming <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ difficult for companies to sell their products. In September 1929, share prices <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ began to decrease – the fall was slow at first. The <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of shareholders was varied: some held onto their shares, hoping prices would rise again, while others decided to sell. Soon, more and more people were selling, so share prices <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ even further, causing people to panic. On 29th October, a day known as Black Tuesday, nearly 16.5 million shares were sold on the New York Stock Exchange, causing it to crash. Billions of dollars were lost, and the people who had borrowed money had no <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to repay their debts. The economy <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, and the period that followed became known as the Great Depression. <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ did not improve until the USA entered the Second World War in December 1941.