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Goodies

Sunny
27-31°C

Oh no
the sea is
flooding the
island!

The island is
disappearing
into the sea!

The disappearing islands

NEXT Thursday is a big day for Mother Earth. It is World Environment Day. This special day has a different theme every year. This year, it is about small islands and the sea level.

The sea level is rising because of global warming. How? When the Earth gets warmer, icebergs melt into water and the sea level rises! This is a disaster for those who live near the sea. A lady from a small island has lost her land because of the rising sea level. She is telling Big Dee and Bobby her story on the next page.

Vocabulary Builder

rise and raise



We say 'rise' when something moves upward by itself:

- The sun **raises** every morning.

We say 'raise' when something is moved upward by something else:

- Bobby **raised** his hand to ask Mr Octo a question in class.

Goodies Learning Card

Editor's Note

Hi! An album I remember from the 1990s was Definitely Maybe by the band Oasis. What did the album title mean? Will I definitely maybe listen to it? Surely probably! I am writing nonsense so learn these adverbs correctly on G03. The Dragon Boat Festival is upon us soon. I ought to take part in a dragon boat race instead of eating lots of dumplings. But they are so tasty. Read about the festival on G08



Simon



Janice

Look at the **shore**. This place used to be my family's farmland. We made a living by growing crops here. After the sea level rose, the waves **eroded** our land. We could not farm anymore.

The lost land

Big Dee and Bobby have visited a **faraway** island called Ghoramara Island (葛拉馬拉島). They meet an old lady called Saraswati there.

Children, nice to meet you.
My name is Saraswati. I am now 77 years old.

Our farmland is gone forever. Now I have to earn money by **embroidering** clothes.

Saraswati, why do you look so sad?

I feel so sorry for you. I cannot imagine what would happen if my family lost the food stall...

My farmland is gone too!

No wonder the island is so small...

The rising sea level does not affect only me. It has reduced the island by half! Many of my neighbours have lost their land too.

Save an island

Saraswati tells Big Dee and Bobby that there are many things that people can do to save the islands. For example, they can...

- build short walls by the shore. These could block the waves from coming into the land.



- grow **mangroves** and coral reefs. Both of them can act as **barriers** that can protect the land from flooding.



Is there anything we can do for them from Hong Kong?

We can help by saving energy. It could slow down global warming. Then the icebergs will melt less quickly, and the sea level will rise more slowly!

Game

Islanders are using boulders to protect the island. How many differences can you find between these two pictures?



Answers on G12

Vocabulary

faraway (adj) 遙遠的
shore (n) 岸

erode (v) 侵蝕
embroider (v) 刺繡

mangrove (n) 紅樹林
barrier (n) 屏障



Challenge

