

Using “threat”

A threat is a danger, or a statement by someone that they will cause something bad.

Some wives see single women as a threat to their marriage. Libraries are under threat of closing due to a tight budget. The man who made the threat in the airplane was removed at once. The new Walmart is a threat to the small businesses in town.

Threat is a noun, but threaten is the verb form.

The woman threatened to call the police if the intruders didn't leave. Don't threaten the pilot if you want to stay on the plane. If you threaten me, I will scream. The hurricane threatens the coast of Texas. It is threatening to rain.

Threatening is an adjective form of threaten. *The teenager made a threatening phone call to the school. The lion gave a threatening look when we came near his cage.*

Pick a question and talk to the class about it. Try to talk for at least a couple of minutes. Then ask your classmates to share their answer to your question.

1-When I was a teenager, my mother threatened....

2-I believe the biggest threat to the Earth is...

3-Choose one choice and tell why you chose it.---I love to be inside with a good book. when a rain storm is threatening. OR I am really afraid of threatening rain storms and can't feel peaceful when I experience them. OR I love to run outside in the rain when there is a storm threatening.

4-When I go to the zoo, I feel threatened by...

5-In school my teachers threatened to...

Human Noise Pollution a Danger to Sea Life

Read the article silently. Underline vocabulary words or phrases you don't know. Discuss the meaning of the article, then answer the questions.

Human-made noise pollution in the Earth's oceans and seas is becoming a serious threat to marine wildlife. Scientists report that there is hardly an underwater place left where marine mammals can live in peace and quiet. Dozens of species of whale, dolphin, turtle and other creatures rely on sound to communicate, find mates and hunt for food. Their increasingly noisy environment is making it more and more difficult to lead a normal life. The environmental scientists say noise from shipping, military sonar, oil and gas surveys, offshore construction and marine sports has reached dangerous levels for sea life.

The scientists say the distance over which blue whales can communicate is down by 90 per cent. In the past decade, many whales have become beached after being disorientated because of loud noise. Scientists warn that noise pollution is only going to get worse. Seismic surveys are one of the problems. These generate incredibly loud sounds every ten seconds that can travel 3,000 km. There are 90 survey ships active in the oceans today. In addition, the number of ships sailing the seas will double by 2025. Mark Simmonds, a conservation spokesman, said, "man-made noise is already triggering a kind of acoustic fog," and called for a "response to noise pollution in the underwater world".

seismic survey: a survey of the seabed using sound waves

Which of these statements are true according to the article?

- 1.The noise humans make is threatening creatures living in the oceans?
- 2.There are very few quiet places left in the oceans?
- 3.Turtles use sound to hunt for food and look for a mate.
- 4.An environmental group said noise from shopping upset whales.
- 5.The distance over which blue whales can communicate has increased.
- 6.Noise pollution can mean whales lose their way and die on beaches.

- 7.The number of ships on the seas will triple in 20 years.
- 8.An environmental spokesman said it's very foggy in the oceans.

Discuss in groups:

- 1.Have you ever threatened anyone or been threatened by someone?
- 2.List some unwanted noises?
- 3.What are your favorite noises?
- 4.What should we do about noise pollution in the seas?
- 5.Are you ever bothered by noise pollution at your home or in stores?
- 6.What are some types of noise pollution we experience every day?