

MERCY MERCY ME (THE ECOLOGY)

By Marvin Gaye

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Ah, mercy, mercy me,
Ah, things ain't what they used to be, no, no.
Where did all the blue skies go?
Poison is the wind that blows from the north and south and east.

Mercy, mercy me,
Ah, things ain't what they used to be, no, no.
Oil wasted on the ocean and upon
Our seas fish full of mercury,

Oh, mercy, mercy me.
Ah, things ain't what they used to be, no, no, no.
Radiation underground and in the sky;
Animals and birds who live nearby are dying.

Oh, mercy, mercy me.
Ah, things ain't what they used to be.
What about this overcrowded land?
How much more abuse from man can she stand?

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Match the expressions from the song (1-8) with synonymous expressions and definitions on the right (a-i). There is an example (0).

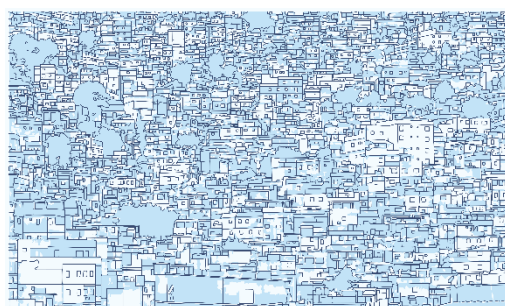
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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 0. abuse | a. are not |
| 1. ain't (slang) | b. chemical element that is a heavy, silver-coloured metal, liquid at normal temperatures, also quicksilver (symbol Hg) |
| 2. mercy | c. containing too many people or things |
| 3. man | d. cruel, violent treatment |
| 4. mercury | e. existed in the past, but no longer exists in the present |
| 5. overcrowded | f. form of energy that comes from a nuclear reaction and that can be very dangerous to health |
| 6. radiation | g. kind or forgiving attitude towards somebody that you could harm or punish |
| 7. not to be able to stand something | h. mankind, humankind |
| 8. used to (be) | i. not used in a good, intelligent way |
| 9. wasted | j. used especially in negative sentences to emphasize that you do not like somebody / something |

Write your answers here	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

According to the song, the 'blue skies' have gone. 'Blue' is used to describe more than the colour of the sky. In the song 'blue' also means _____.

Marvin Gaye does not mention one of the four directions, namely _____.

Which problems are represented in the pictures below



What can cause an oil spill and what are its consequences? _____

What problems does mercury cause? _____

There is natural radiation almost everywhere, but there are places where there is a lot of radiation due to manmade disasters – can you name such places?

Which pronoun does Marvin Gaye use to refer to the earth? _____

Note:

The earth is personified as a female figure in many cultures- it is considered as a nurturing and life-giving force.

When was the song first published. _____

How have things changed in the meantime?

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