

Appendix A (Topic Cards)

PENGUIN

SKY

FISH

CAVE

SUN

LAVA

TREE

BUTTERFLY

SAND

WATER

OXYGEN

WIND

Appendix B (Worksheet)

Nature is Speaking

A. Choose the correct word. Then listen again and check your answers.

1. Liam Neeson – I Am Ice

I am ice. I move (1) **quickly** / **slowly**. I keep the world (2) **cool** / **warm**. Well, I used to. But humans keep warming this planet. I try to warn you. I send pieces of me thundering into the ocean. You do nothing. I (3) **lower** / **raise** sea levels. You do nothing. It has taken you decades to notice. Perhaps I'm not so slow after all.

2. Edward Norton – I Am the Soil

I am the soil. I am in the hills and in the valleys, the farms, and the (4) **gardens** / **orchards**. Without me, humans could not exist. But you treat me like dirt. I am just a thin (5) **tissue** / **skin** on this planet. I am actually alive—full of organisms that grow your food. But I am broken, aching, overused, sick, because of you. I am turning to (6) **dust** / **stone**. Please treat me with a little more respect.

3. Lee Pace – I Am the Mountain

I am the mountain. I am nature's oldest (7) **temple** / **miracle**. My glaciers and streams provide the water you drink. My forests: your wood, your clean air. You used to recharge your body and soul in my (8) **forests** / **rivers**. Now you take what you want and contemplate only your own gain. Open your eyes while there's still time, because there's one more thing I see clearly: the cliff you're on and the (9) **rocks** / **sea** below.

B. Answer the following questions:

1. In “I Am Ice,” what is happening to the ice, and why is it angry at humans?
2. In “I Am the Soil,” why is the soil sick, and what does it want humans to do?
3. In “I Am the Mountain,” what does the mountain give to humans, and what warning does it give at the end?

C. Choose one of the following things or think of your own. Work in pairs to create and perform your own short piece in which nature speaks.

- the ocean
- the rainforest
- coral reef
- air
- wildlife

Notes:

Part I: About you

I am _____. I _____.

Part II: Your message to humanity
