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Wrangle the Wild: A Human-Environment Quiz for 2nd Grade

Can you design a city that works with nature? Analyze how people build stilt houses and terraced farms to solve geographic puzzles.

1. In the rainy rainforests of Southeast Asia, people often build 'stilt houses' high off the ground. What is the main reason for this design?

- A. To be closer to the monkeys in the trees
- B. To keep the house dry during heavy floods
- C. To make the house easier to tilt and move
- D. To hide from the hot sun

2. True or False: Farmers in steep mountains modify the land by cutting flat steps called 'terraces' to prevent soil from washing away.

- A. True
- B. False

3. In the hot deserts of the Middle East, ancient people built 'wind towers' on their roofs to catch breezes. This is an example of _____.

- A. Adapting to the heat
- B. Changing the weather
- C. Making it rain
- D. Ending the desert

4. If a town builds a giant bridge over a wide river, how are they interacting with the environment?

- A. They are depending on the river for food
- B. They are ignoring the river completely
- C. They are modifying the land to travel easily
- D. They are protecting the fish from the cars

5. True or False: Wearing heavy wool coats in a cold mountain village is a way humans modify their environment.

- A. True
- B. False

6. The people of the Andes Mountains in Peru use llamas to carry heavy packs through thin air. This shows they _____ on animals for survival.

- A. Adapt
- B. Depend
- C. Modify
- D. Disturb

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7. A city decides to plant a thousand trees to help cool down the hot pavement. What is this interaction called?

- A. A negative consequence
- B. Seasonal migration
- C. A positive modification
- D. Natural dependence

8. True or False: When we build a large dam to create electricity, a consequence might be that the natural habitat for local fish changes.

- A. True
- B. False

9. In the Netherlands, people use big pumps and walls to keep the ocean out of their farms. This is a very complex _____ of the coastline.

- A. Modification
- B. Pollution
- C. Weathering
- D. Observation

10. Why do some people in very snowy places build houses with steep, slanted roofs?

- A. So they can use the roof as a slide
- B. To let the snow slide off so it doesn't get too heavy
- C. To catch more sunlight for heat
- D. To hide from the wind