Landmine Awareness

Landmines are _______ soldiers put on the ground or just _______ the ground. Landmines explode when enemy _______ walk on or drive near them. The major problem is that _______ cannot distinguish between a soldier and a _______. Therefore, even years after a war has ended and the fighting has stopped, landmines can kill or _______ innocent people and even children.

Today, there are 110 million landmines _______ all over the world. Many of these are buried in Egypt, Angola, Iran, Afghanistan, Iraq, China, Cambodia, Bosnia, Croatia and Somalia. Although the mines only cost _______ $3 and $30, the cost of removing them is $300 to $1000. That means the cost of _______ all landmines around the world could be as much as $100 billion. According to the International Campaign to Ban Landmines network, every year as many as 5,000 people including about 2,000 children are killed or _______ injured by landmine explosions.

Even when landmines do not kill or injure, they create a danger so the whole area is not safe for people to live or for farmers to _______ crops. Therefore, millions of innocent families have become refugees or homeless.

Getting rid of the landmines is huge _______ for the global community. Until recently, about 100,000 mines were being removed every year, but another two million more were planted. If _______ landmines remains about the same, and no new mines are laid, it will still take more than 1000 years to _______ all the world’s active land mines.