

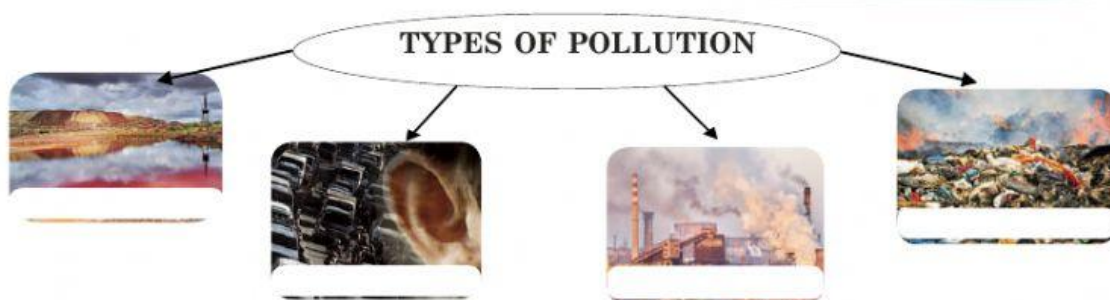


- Make a list of top ten environmental problems you can think of.
- Which of them are caused by human actions?
- Which of them are the most dangerous for our planet/your area? Why?

VOCABULARY

1. Label the pictures with the following types of pollution.

land pollution / water pollution / air pollution / noise pollution



2. Read the extracts and tell what types of pollution they describe.

- 1) _____: Toxic chemicals, dirt and trash found in the water hurt the skin of people swimming in them, kill sea animals, produce horrendous smell, etc.
- 2) _____: Living in noisy overcrowded towns has become dangerous because it can cause headaches, earaches, and deafness.
- 3) _____: Toxic substances found in food and air enter the land, accumulate in our bodies and result in poor health like weakness, pains, aches disease and sickness.
- 4) _____: Because factories release fumes, the air people breathe is polluted. Other well-known effects of fumes are smog, acid rain, and holes in the ozone layer.

3. Match the phrasal verbs to their meanings.

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| 1) <i>dry up</i> | a) decrease the use |
| 2) <i>cut down</i> | b) use up the available supply |
| 3) <i>run out of</i> | c) fall/reduce |
| 4) <i>use up</i> | d) increase/decrease |
| 5) <i>cut back on</i> | e) disappear as if by evaporation, draining |
| 6) <i>to go up/down</i> | f) exhaust of strength or useful properties |



4. Choose the best alternative to complete each sentence.

- 1) The rivers are *using up/drying up* because it hasn't rained for a long time in some hot spots of our planet.
- 2) The trees are *cut down/run out* without being replaced.
- 3) The planet is *using up/running out* of precious resources like oil and fresh water.
- 4) We shouldn't *cut back on/use up* all our resources; we have to think of the future.
- 5) We should recycle to *cut back on/cut down* all the waste we produce.
- 6) Because whales are hunted, their numbers are *going up/going down*.
- 7) The number of species on the endangered lists is *going up/going down*.