

GREEN ISSUES

1. Match the words in box A with those in B to form collocations.

endangered	change
acid	species
become	fumes
public	sea levels
fossil	warming
natural	emissions
exhaust	extinct
melting	spill
carbon	icecaps
oil	habitat
climate	fuels
rising	pollution
global	transport
air	rain

2. Fill in the gaps with the words from the box.

global warming	recycle	litter	environment	pollution
conservation	waste	endangered	nuclear	rubbish

1. The bald eagle is a(an)..... species.
2. Big factories are responsible for water
3. One way to solve the problem is to fine people who drop on the ground.
4. They most of their unwanted household rubbish.
5. Tons of toxic is produced by the factory each year.
6. Don't put things in the bin that can be recycled.
7. Temperatures are rising all over the planet because of
8. My local zoo runs a programme for most of their endangered species.
9. Tell me about the negative effects poisonous gases have on the
10. There is more than one power station near where I live.

3. Choose the correct word to fill in the gaps.

public transport	environmentalists	traffic	save
environmental	energy	emissions	

For many years the in our town has been getting busier and busier. It has become a huge problem because of all the carbon produced by the vehicles. One group of has started campaign to do something about it. They want to ban certain vehicle from the roads during times of high congestion and encourage people to use They want people to understand that by switching from a form of transport that uses a lot of and replacing it with one that uses less, they will be doing their part to help the planet.

Phrasal Verbs

throw away
switch on/off
turn on/off
turn down
cut down on
cut down

1. Make sure you all the lights before you leave.
2. You should put on a jumper rather than the heating
3. Don't those glass bottles they can be recycled.
4. We shouldn't forests.
5. We must the amount of electricity we use.
6. I like to the heating at night. It helps me sleep.
7. I often bottles and cans.

The environment

Read this article. For each of the numbers 1—21, underline the most appropriate word. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Nowadays, it is difficult to avoid (0) **environment** / **environmental** issues. We are always being told how (1) **polluted** / **pollution** is having an adverse effect on our (2) **planet** / **earth**. (3) **Poisoned** / **Poisonous** gases from factories destroy the (4) **oxygen** / **ozone** layer, contributing to the (5) **hothouse** / **greenhouse** effect which result in global (6) **warming** / **heating**. (7) **Acidity** / **Acid** rain is destroying forests. As more and more (8) **rainforest** / **desert** is destroyed, the threat to (9) **wildlife** / **wildly** life increases, with several (10) **dangerous** / **endangered** species already on the verge of (11) **extinct** / **extinction**. In brief, we are heading towards an (12) **ecological** / **ecology** disaster.

However, we can all do something to help protect the environment. For a start, we should try to (13) **reserve** / **conserve** energy (14) **resources** / **resorts** such as oil and coal, by turning down our central heating or making less use of our cars. Most cars use (15) **leadless** / **unleaded** petrol, but this still (16) **injures** / **damages** the environment. Secondly, since many everyday items such as glass and paper can be (17) **recycled** / **recharged**, we should try to re-use them rather than throwing them away. Thirdly, we can join (18) **pressurising** / **pressure** groups, which can be very effective in persuading governments to adopt greener (19) **politics** / **policies**, such as (20) **subsidising** / **subsiding** public transport and (21) **protecting** / **defending** wildlife.

* save * melt * recycle * volunteer * promote

Words often confused Choose the correct word.

1. The factory produces tones of dangerous **rubbish/litter/waste** every month.
2. The dodo became **inactive/extinct/disappeared** in 1681.
3. I'm tired of breathing car exhaust **fog/fumes/smoke**.

Word Formation

Complete the sentences with the words derived from the words in bold.

1. The of the natural environment is an issue that concerns all of us. **PROTECT**
2. We meet on Wednesday evenings to discuss the of animals in danger. **PROTECT**



Are you worried about your planet warming up and the ice caps

1)? Don't just sit there, then – take action! There are many ways of 2) the green lifestyle!

► Start at home by 3) energy. Turn off any lights and electrical appliances not in use!

► Write to the government and ask them to ban the use of any plastics that can't be 4)

► 5) for a local environmental group. Choose an issue that's close to your heart – and join the fight!