



Warming up

Are humans the biggest threat to nature?

It is without doubt that human activities are destroying the planet. Your teacher has created some riddles about certain pressing environmental issues. Guess which environmental problem each riddle is describing and write the answer in the space provided.

Vocabulary in use / Human threats to nature

deforestation household waste overfishing overpopulation vehicle emissions
 food waste light pollution overgrazing plastic pollution

The Lees want tuna and cod for lunch.
 The Chans want king crabs for dinner.
 The catch is getting smaller and smaller.

1

Paper, cans, food scraps,
 Broken plates and old jeans.
 Toss everything in the bin, by all means!

3

The cattle are happily chomping away.
 Yesterday, the pasture was lush and green,
 But like locusts they've now picked it clean!

5

The air is so mucky,
 It makes my throat itchy.
 People, turn off your engines!

7

Seafood pasta and pepperoni pizza,
 Big steak and a whole roast chicken.
 Yes, it's all for one person!

9

How can we ever see a starry sky,
 When the billboards are bright as daylight,
 Past eleven o'clock every night?

2

A fork in its tummy,
 A bag over its head,
 Soon another sea turtle will be dead.

4

Whirr-whirr-whirr,
 One by one we fall like toy soldiers,
 The leaves still green on our shoulders.

6

My twelve siblings and I,
 We're all drooling over the small pie.
 I wonder how much of it will be mine?

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Did you know?

Air pollution-related deaths are increasing rapidly in Asia. Electric vehicles produce fewer pollutants, but the best way to reduce air pollution is to cycle or walk instead of drive.