

PROBLEM ANALYSIS

Digging Deeper: Root Cause

Choose the main environmental problem your group identified.
Trace it back step by step.



Think deeper.
Find the real cause.
Create a better solution!

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Our Main Environmental Problem



Type your answer here...

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IMMEDIATE CAUSE

What directly causes this problem?



Type your answer here...

Level 1

💡 Sentence starter:
This happens because _____.

3

UNDERLYING CAUSE

Why does that happen?



Type your answer here...

Level 2

💡 Sentence starters:
One reason for this is _____.
This happens because _____.

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ROOT CAUSE

What is the deeper reason behind it?



Level 3

💡 Sentence starters:
The deeper cause is _____.
This happens because _____.

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ROOT CAUSE CHAIN

Write the main point at each level.

Environmental Problem

Type here...



Immediate Cause

Type here...



Underlying Cause

Type here...



Root Cause

Type here...

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LANGUAGE FOCUS Use these expressions to explain causes.



Expression	Use
This happens because...	Give a cause
One reason for this is...	Explain a reason
The deeper cause is...	Explain the root cause

Complete the sentences.

- This happens because _____.
- One reason for this is _____.
- The deeper cause is _____.

🌿 Healthy Mangroves → Healthy Coasts → A Sustainable Future 🌿