

Choose the best transition word for each space.

Effects of Pollution

Pollution has terrible effects on the health of all living things.

_____ polluted soil and water can harm plants. When a factory does not dispose of chemicals correctly, it can contaminate the soil. _____, plants may die or not grow in a healthy way. _____ pollution hurts animals. _____, marine animals eat or are trapped in litter that is thrown into the ocean. This can make them sick or kill them. _____ pollution harms people's health. Near many cities, the air is polluted because of too many cars and factories. _____, some people develop asthma or other breathing problems. _____, eating plants or animals from polluted environments can introduce toxins to a person's body. _____, it is time to take the pollution issue more seriously.