

noun	defense	The shade from trees provides a defense against the drying effects of the sun.
noun	defender	Defenders of the environment work to protect plants and animals from damage caused by logging.
verb	defend	Fish cannot defend themselves from the effects of water pollution.

noun	environment	The environment needs to be protected from the effects of logging.
adjective	environmental	Logging causes a great deal of environmental damage.
adverb	environmentally	It is important to develop more environmentally friendly logging practices

noun	erosion	Soil erosion leads to the pollution of streams and rivers.
verb	erode	When soil erodes, there are no nutrients left to help plants grow.

noun	extent	The extent of environmental damage caused by logging is frightening.
verb	extend	The Amazon rain forest extends from Brazil into neighboring countries.
adjective	extensive	The Amazon rain forest is the most extensive rain forest in the world.
adverb	extensively	Rain forests around the world have been extensively logged.

ESSENTIAL WORDS FOR THE IELTS

noun	pollution	Deforestation contributes to the effects of both air and water pollution.
noun	pollutant	Factories add pollutants to the air and water.
verb	pollute	Eroding soil pollutes water.

noun	stability	The stability of the natural environment depends on the interaction of many factors.
verb	stabilize	We need to stabilize the damage caused by logging before it gets worse.
adjective	stable	If the banks of the river continue to erode, they will no longer be stable.

Word Family Practice

Choose the correct word family member from the list below to complete each blank.

Modern industry has caused damage to our natural **1**..... in many ways. The air and water are filled with **2**..... . One result of this is acid rain, which has caused **3**..... damage to vegetation in many areas. When large amounts of vegetation die off, the environment loses **4**..... . If there are no plants to hold the soil, it starts to **5**..... . This leads to myriad problems, including water pollution and habitat loss. **6**..... of wildlife work hard to prevent further damage to natural areas.

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| 1. environment | environmental | environmentally |
| 2. pollution | pollutants | pollutes |
| 3. extent | extend | extensive |
| 4. stability | stabilizes | stable |
| 5. erosion | erode | eroded |
| 6. Defenses | Defenders | Defends |