

NAME: _____ CLASS: _____

UNIT 9: PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

Reading passage

Protecting the Environment

The environment provides us with everything we need to survive—clean air, fresh water, food, and shelter. However, human activities have put great pressure on the planet. Pollution, deforestation, climate change, and waste accumulation are just a few of the serious issues harming the environment. If we do not take action, the natural world will continue to suffer, and future generations may not have access to the same resources we enjoy today.

One of the biggest environmental threats is pollution. Factories, cars, and plastic waste contribute to air, water, and land pollution. To help, people can use public transportation, recycle materials, and reduce plastic use. Even small changes, like carrying a reusable water bottle or saying no to plastic bags, can make a difference. Deforestation is another major problem. Millions of trees are cut down each year for wood, farming, and urban development. This destroys wildlife habitats and contributes to climate change. Planting trees and supporting sustainable products can help reduce deforestation.

Climate change is caused by greenhouse gases, which trap heat in the atmosphere. Burning fossil fuels for energy is a major source of these gases. Using renewable energy sources like wind and solar power, conserving electricity, and driving fuel-efficient cars can help slow climate change.

Finally, reducing waste is essential. The more trash we produce, the more landfills overflow and pollute the earth. People can reduce waste by composting food scraps, reusing items, and donating unwanted goods instead of throwing them away.

Protecting the environment is everyone's responsibility. By making small, simple changes in our daily lives, we can help create a cleaner, healthier planet for future generations. Every action counts, and together, we can make a big difference.

Task 1: Read the passage and check whether the sentences below is true or false. Write T or F

- Using renewable energy and conserving electricity can help slow climate change. _____
- Reducing waste is not important because landfills do not affect the environment. _____
- Reusing items instead of throwing them away is one way to reduce waste.

- The overall message of the passage is that only governments and large companies are responsible for protecting the environment. _____
- Individuals can contribute to a cleaner planet by recycling, conserving energy, and reducing waste. _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE

**WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ESSENTIAL RESOURCES
THE ENVIRONMENT PROVIDES?**

- | | | | |
|----|---|----|--|
| A. | GOLD, OIL, DIAMONDS,
AND COAL | C. | PLASTIC, GASOLINE, PAPER,
AND METAL |
| B. | CLEAN AIR, FRESH
WATER, FOOD, AND
SHELTER | D. | ELECTRICITY, CLOTHING,
GLASS, AND STEEL |

**NAME TWO MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL THREATS
MENTIONED IN THE PASSAGE.**

- | | | | |
|----|--------------------------------|----|--------------------------------|
| A. | POLLUTION AND
DEFORESTATION | C. | SOLAR ENERGY AND
WIND POWER |
| B. | RECYCLING AND
TREE PLANTING | D. | RAIN AND
SNOWFALL |

**HOW DOES PLASTIC WASTE CONTRIBUTE TO
POLLUTION?**

- | | | | |
|----|--|----|---|
| A. | IT DISSOLVES QUICKLY
IN WATER AND
DISAPPEARS | C. | IT ACCUMULATES IN THE
ENVIRONMENT AND DOES NOT
DECOMPOSE EASILY |
| B. | IT HELPS IMPROVE
SOIL QUALITY | D. | IT TURNS INTO CLEAN ENERGY
WHEN THROWN AWAY |

**WHAT IS ONE WAY PEOPLE CAN REDUCE
DEFORESTATION?**

- | | | | |
|----|---|----|---|
| A. | CUTTING MORE TREES
FOR FARMING | C. | USING MORE PAPER AND
WOOD-BASED PRODUCTS |
| B. | PLANTING TREES AND
SUPPORTING
SUSTAINABLE
PRODUCTS | D. | CLEARING FORESTS FOR NEW
BUILDINGS |

MULTIPLE CHOICE

WHAT CAUSES CLIMATE CHANGE ACCORDING TO THE PASSAGE?

- A. AN INCREASE IN OXYGEN LEVELS C. GREENHOUSE GASES TRAPPING HEAT IN THE ATMOSPHERE
- B. TOO MANY TREES ABSORBING SUNLIGHT D. THE NATURAL COOLING OF THE EARTH'S SURFACE

MATCHING DEFINITION

The natural resource we breathe, which is essential for life.

Air

The process of cutting down trees, often leading to environmental harm.

Deforestation

Something that is no longer needed and is often thrown away.

Water

An artificial material that doesn't easily decompose, contributing to pollution.

Plastic

The space or area where animals and plants naturally live.

Habitats

A type of energy that comes from natural sources like the sun and wind.

Giving away items to others instead of throwing them in the