Reading: Protecting Our Environment

People all over the world are trying to protect the environment. The environment includes the air we breathe, the water we drink, the animals, plants, and the land. But pollution is a big problem. Factories, cars, and even people can cause pollution.

One way to help the environment is by recycling. When we recycle paper, plastic, and glass, we use fewer natural resources. This helps save trees and reduce waste.

Another way is to use less electricity and water. Turning off lights when we leave a room and using less water when we wash dishes are good habits.

Many people also plant trees and clean up parks. Trees help clean the air and provide homes for birds and other animals. Picking up trash helps keep nature clean and beautiful.

If everyone does something small, we can make a big difference. Let's take care of our planet!



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Student instructions: Read the passage carefully. Complete the multiple-choice questions, mark each statement **True** or **False**, and match the words with their meanings.

A. Multiple Choice

Choose the correct answer.

1. **What is the main idea of the reading?**
   a. How animals find homes
   b. Ways people can protect the environment
   c. Why factories need electricity
   d. How to wash dishes
2. **Which materials does the passage say people can recycle?**
   a. Paper, plastic, and glass
   b. Food, clothes, and wood
   c. Water, electricity, and air
   d. Cars, trees, and trash
3. **What do trees do, according to the passage?**
   a. They use less water.
   b. They provide homes for birds and other animals.
   c. They create natural resources.
   d. They turn off lights.
4. **What is a good habit when leaving a room?**
   a. Plant a tree.
   b. Pick up glass.
   c. Turn off the lights.
   d. Recycle water.

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B. True or False

Write **True** or **False**.

5. Factories, cars, and people can cause pollution. _____
6. Recycling paper, plastic, and glass uses more natural resources. _____
7. Picking up trash helps keep nature clean and beautiful. _____

C. Matching

Match each word with its meaning.

a. Pollution	___Materials from nature that people use
b. Recycle	___Harmful substances that make the air, water, or land dirty
c. Natural resources	___To process or use materials again instead of throwing them away

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