

Find out the meaning of these words and use them to complete the sentences below.

- greenhouse effect • biodegradable • wetlands
- deforestation • dumping • toxic waste • renewable energy • emissions • biodiversity • global warming
- ozone layer • desertification • smog • habitats
- depletion

- 1 There are still scientists who dispute the existence of and say there has been no real change in temperature.
- 2 The draining of to build factories has enraged environmentalists.
- 3 On some days in summer the is so bad that people with breathing problems are advised to stay at home.
- 4 Carbon dioxide must be cut if we want to stop polluting the air.
- 5 of waste at sea is forbidden by international law.
- 6 Lack of rain means that large areas of previously fertile land in Africa are threatened with
- 7 We must develop sources and not depend on oil.
- 8 The problem with most plastics is that they are not and cannot be reabsorbed by the earth.
- 9 The build up of a layer of gases trapped in the earth's atmosphere which prevents heat escaping is known as the
- 10 Steady in the Himalayas has resulted in catastrophic floods in countries at sea level.
- 11 Scientists first became aware of the effects of certain gases on the environment when they found a hole in the over Antarctica.
- 12 As cities expand, many animals are being driven from their natural
- 13 Plant and animal species dying out means the loss of the of the planet.
- 14 Since continues to be hazardous for a long time it is difficult to dispose of it safely.
- 15 Despite attempts to persuade people to conserve water, the of water supplies continues.