

34) The environment

A Environmental problems



Every year, we are **destroying** more and more forests. 15 billion trees are **disappearing** every year. As the world population **increases**, the **land** is being used to **build** cities, grow food and make furniture. This will be a **disaster** for **the environment** and will bring more **extreme** weather. **Governments** around the world need to work together to stop this disaster.

GLOSSARY

destroy	break sth completely so that you can't use it again or it is gone
disappear	If sth disappears , it goes away so that people can't see it.
increase	become bigger or more increase n
land	the part of the Earth that is not the sea
build pt/pp built	make sth by putting parts together: build houses
disaster	sth very bad that happens, and may hurt a lot of people
the environment	the air, water, land, animals, and plants around us environmental adj
extreme government	very great or strong The government is the group of people who control a country and decide what laws it will have.

1 Underline the stressed syllable. Use the to help you. Practise saying the words.

- to **increase**
- 2 **disaster**
- 4 **disappear**
- 1 **government**
- 3 **environment**
- 5 **destroy**

2 Circle the correct word.

- Extreme weather is a **disaster** / **land** for growing food.
- 1 The number of people in the world is **destroying** / **increasing**.
- 2 Forests around the world are **building** / **disappearing**.
- 3 The **government** / **environment** has to do something quickly.
- 4 We need to **build** / **destroy** more cities for people to live in.
- 5 Unfortunately, we are **increasing** / **destroying** more forests every year.
- 6 People need **land** / **the environment** to build houses on.

3 Cover the glossary and complete the sentences.

- If you make something like a house or factory, you **build** it.
- 1 If something gets bigger, it
- 2 The people who are in control of a country are the
- 3 Something very bad that happens and hurts people is a
- 4 The place where people build homes or grow food is the
- 5 The water, air, land, animals and plants are all the
- 6 If something goes away and you can't see it any more, it
- 7 If you break something and can't use it again, you it.
- 8 In the desert, you can have heat and cold.



B Talking about the environment



coal



petrol



electricity



gas

Word	Example	Meaning
source	<i>The forests are a source of wood.</i>	a place, person or thing that you get sth from
energy	<i>Coal, petrol, gas and electricity are all sources of energy.</i>	Energy comes from <i>gas, electricity, coal, petrol, etc.</i> and is used to make machines work and to make heat and light.
develop	<i>Scientists are developing cleaner ways to use coal.</i>	think of or produce a new idea or product, etc.
pollution	<i>There is a lot of pollution in rivers and oceans.</i>	the act of making the air, rivers, etc. dirty and dangerous
cause	<i>What is the cause of the oceans getting warmer?</i>	the thing or person that makes sth happen cause v
recycle	<i>If we recycle more, we help the environment because we don't make so many products from new materials.</i>	do sth to paper, glass, etc. so that they can be used again

4 Correct the spelling mistakes.

► polution	<u>pollution</u>	3 gaz	.....	6 elektricity	.....
1 recicle	.....	4 cole	.....	7 develope	.....
2 energie	.....	5 petrole	.....	8 cuase	.....

5 True or false? Write T or F.

► You can't see electricity.	T	6 You put petrol in cars.	.....
1 Pollution is a good thing.	.....	7 If you develop something, you destroy it.	.....
2 Smoking cigarettes causes illness.	.....	8 We use coal to get energy.	.....
3 If you recycle something, you use it again.	.....	9 Pollution is good for fish and animals.	.....
4 Coal is black and hard.	.....	10 Humans are one cause of pollution.	.....
5 You can see gas.	.....	

6 Match 1–6 with a–g.

► We should recycle	e	a of serious illness.
1 Gas is a	.....	b a lot of pollution.
2 We need to develop	.....	c make a fire.
3 We use electricity	.....	d new types of energy.
4 Pollution is the cause	.....	e more bottles. ✓
5 Coal is used to	.....	f source of energy.
6 Petrol in cars causes	.....	g to keep our houses warm.

7 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or ask another student.

- 1 In your home, what type of energy do you use?
- 2 In your country, which is more expensive: gas, electricity or coal?
- 3 Is there a lot of air pollution where you live?
- 4 What causes pollution in your home town?
- 5 Do you recycle a lot? If so, what do you recycle?

