# 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** | very great or strong |
| **government** | **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 APP to help you. Practise saying the words.**

▶ to increase
1 government
2 disaster
3 environment
4 disappear
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.

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# B Talking about the environment



coal



petrol



electricity



gas

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

**4** **Correct the spelling mistakes.**

▶ polution pollution
1 recicle .....
2 energie .....
3 gaz .....
4 cole .....
5 petrole .....
6 elektricity .....
7 develope .....
8 cuase .....

**5** **True or false? Write *T* or *F*.**

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

**6** **Match 1–6 with a–g.**

▶ We should recycle e
1 Gas is a .....
2 We need to develop .....
3 We use electricity .....
4 Pollution is the cause .....
5 Coal is used to .....
6 Petrol in cars causes .....

a of serious illness.
b a lot of pollution.
c make a fire.
d new types of energy.
e more bottles. ✓
f source of energy.
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? .....

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