

Worksheet - 8th grade

Environmental Issues Vocabulary Worksheet

1. **Match** each term with the correct **definition**.

A. Greenhouse effect

B. Deforestation

C. Renewable energy

D. Fossil fuels

E. Pollution

F. Climate change

G. Conservation

H. Biodiversity

I. Global warming

J. Sustainability

___ The process of clearing large areas of forest.

___ Energy sources that are naturally replenished, such as solar or wind.

___ The variety of different species in an ecosystem.

___ The gradual increase in Earth's temperature.

___ The trapping of heat in the Earth's atmosphere due to gases like CO₂.

___ Harmful substances released into the environment.

___ The practice of protecting natural resources.

___ The long-term changes in temperature and weather patterns.

___ The use of resources in a way that does not harm future generations.

___ Natural fuels like coal, oil, and gas formed from ancient organisms.

2. **Complete** the sentences with the **correct vocabulary word**.

1. _____ is one of the main causes of habitat loss for animals.
2. Using _____ like wind and solar power reduces our dependence on fossil fuels.
3. The _____ is a major contributor to rising sea levels.
4. We need to focus on _____ if we want to protect the planet for future generations.
5. The _____ effect is natural, but human activities are intensifying it.