



Nowadays there are a lot of ecological problems. But people understand how important it is to solve the ecological problems that endanger people's lives.

## The most serious ecological problems are:

- -pollution in ist many forms (water pollution, air pollution, nuclear pollution);
- -noise from cars, buses, planes, etc.;
- -destruction of wildlife and countryside beauty;
- -shortage of natural resources (metals, different kinds of fuel);
- -the growth of population;

## WATER POLLUTION

The sea waters today are much more dangerous. There is no ocean or sea which is not used as a dump. Many seas are used for dumping industrial and nuclear waste. Britain alone dumps 250,000 tons of industrial waste straight into the North Sea. This poisons and kills fish and sea animals. "Nuclear-poisoned" fish can be eaten by people. Many rivers and lakes are poisoned too. Fish and reptiles can't live in them. There is not enough oxygen in the water. In such places all the birds leave their habitats and many plants die. If people drink this water they can die too. It happens so because factories and plants produce a lot of waste and pour it into rivers. So they poison the water.

We must know that rost of the pollution in big cities comes from cars and buses. Atmosphere becomes polluted. Normally the ozone layer in the atmosphere protects us from ultraviolet radiation, but if there are holes in the ozone layer, ultraviolet radiation can get to the earth. Many scientists think that these holes are the result of air pollution. Nuclear power stations can go wrong and cause nuclear pollution. This happened in Wind scale in Britain, in Three Mile Island in the USA and Chernobyl in the former Soviet Union. Nuclear pollution cannot be seen but its effects can be terrible.





