

Global Problems: Environment



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Air pollution



There are a lot of cars in cities and they pollute the air. When cars burn gasoline, invisible gases get to the air. Some of these gases can mix with water and make it acidic. Sometimes the gases get into rain clouds, where they mix with rain or snow. Then the acid falls back to earth with the rain or snow. This is called acid rain. Acid rain is harmful to plants, rivers and lakes, forests. Acid rain pollutes the water that animals and people need to drink.

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All over the world the forests are disappearing.

People cut the trees because they need wood and paper or new places for farms and houses.

Animals have no place to live and they begin to disappear forever. Even when new trees are planted, it takes many years for them to grow.

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Water pollution



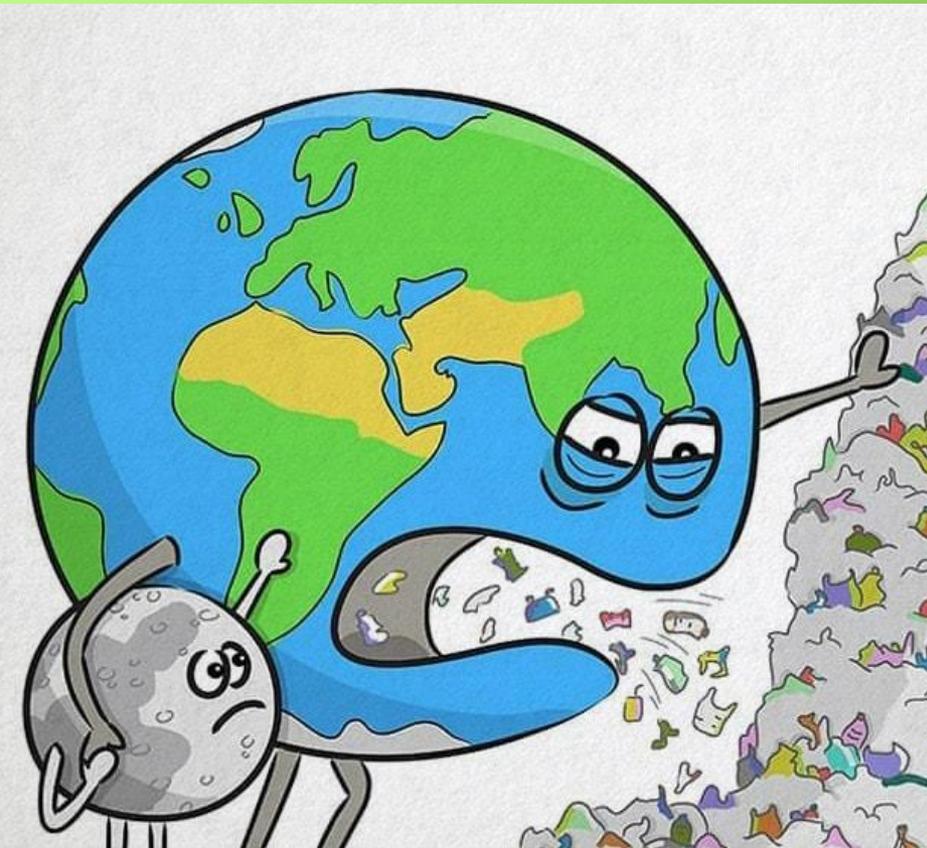
Seas and oceans cover about 70% of the surface of the Earth. It is a great amount of water and it seems that there is no need to worry about it. However only 3% of the Earth's water is fresh drinking water. Even now 1/3 of Earth population lack fresh water. That is why we should take care of all the rivers and lakes we have.

I'm sure it is not too late now to improve the situation.

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Why throw away so much?

It is known that in one year, a European family with two children throws away about 50 kilos of paper (that's six trees), and about 60 kilos of plastic. Now there is so much litter that in many places there is not enough room to bury it all. But we don't have to throw away all our waste paper, glass, metal and plastic. We can also burn or recycle a lot of it. In fact it's possible to recycle 80% of domestic rubbish. But only 4% of recyclable material is actually recycled. Recycling is expensive. But it saves trees and energy and protects the environment from pollution.



**Every ton
of recycled paper
saves 17 trees.**

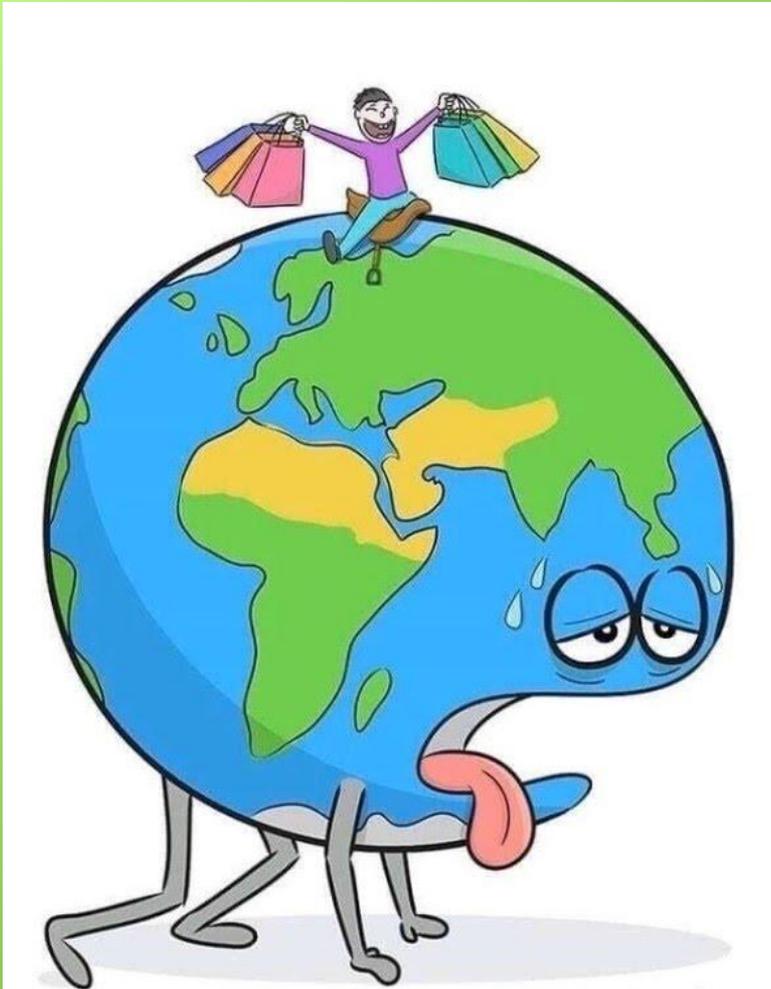
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Packaging

Most of the products nowadays are packed. Some of this “packaging” is necessary. It keeps food clean and fresh.

But some packaging is not necessary.

It’s just to make the food look better and it not only raises the price but also enlarges the pollution.



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The hole in the ozone layer



**We must stop using aerosols,
such as hairspray
and spray deodorants.**

**The ozone layer
is very important,
as it filters the light
from the sun.
If we didn't have
the ozone layer,
the sun's light would be
too dangerous for us.**

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Noise Pollution

Ordinary conversation

- 40 decibels at a distance of a few feet.

Traffic at a busy intersection produces

- 75 decibels

a clap of thunder

- 100 decibels.

a rock music concert

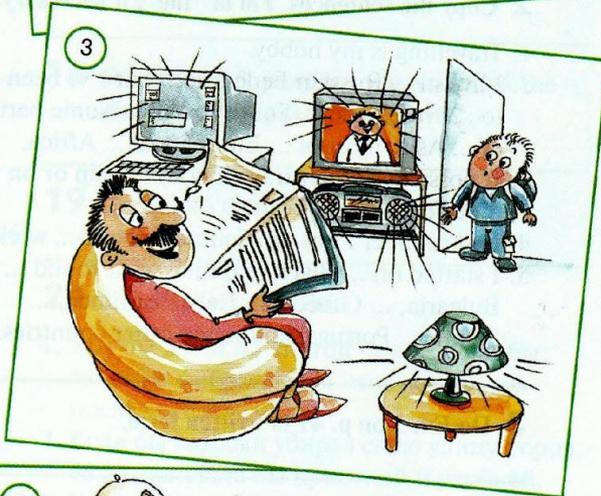
- more than 130 decibels

A sound at or above

the 120-decibel level

is painful and can injure the ear.

Noise pollution is becoming an unpleasant fact of life in cities.



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Little things can have an impact on a global scale.



The influence of people on nature is great. It's people's fault in many ecological problems. We should be more careful to our planet.

Try to live in a way that will save the world rather than destroy it!

If everyone tries to help, we could make our world a better place.

What Can I Do to Save the Earth?

Don't waste paper

Avoid packaging

Use less water

Never drop litter

Try not to waste energy

Try to reduce noise pollution

Avoid products that are dangerous to the ozone layer.

Look for ozone-friendly sprays

Walk short distances, ride a bicycle or use public transport

Before you throw anything away, stop and think.



What Can We Do to Save the Earth?

It's up to me and you!

Can you understand
What we have to do?
There's only one world,
It's up to me and you!

Brush your teeth, but turn off the tap,
Take a shower, don't have a bath,
Walk or ride your bike to school,
Recycle paper, that's the rule.

Can you understand
What we have to do?
There's not much time,
It's up to me and you!

Unplug the TV, switch off the lights,
Go out with friends, don't surf all night,
Give old clothes to charity,

Can you understand
What we have to do?
There's only one world,
It's up to me and you!

Join a green group, plant a tree.

You can listen to this song on the LearnEnglish Kids website:

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/kids-songs-environment>