Environmental Issues in Russia





Typical ecological problems in Russia

- Deforestation
- The destruction of habitats
- Endangered species
- Pollution
- Forest fires
- Floods and droughts

Answer the questions:

- Can major environmental problems be solved in one country alone?
- Do you think Russia plays a negative or a positive role in global ecology?

I. Listening

- to achieve ecological balance
- to combine one's efforts
- to compensate for
- common land
- to purify
- to regenerate
- waste disposal

T (true), F (false) or NI (no information)

- 1. Ecological disasters should be prevented by local governments.
- 2. Russia is a "donor" for many ecosystems.
- 3. Russian forests occupy nearly half of its territory.
- 4. Russian wetlands pollute the environment.
- 5. A great number of plant species are under the threat of extinction in Russia.

III. Reading

- A. Poachers should be stopped.
- B. Global changes are at hand.
- C. Save the habitat of Russia's mascot.
- D. Getting rid of waste.
- E. We need your help.

Speaking

- What problems with the local environment do we have?
- What could you do personally to protect the local environment?

water conservation, recycling facilities, reduce traffic congestion around school, reduce air pollution, organically grown vegetables, planting trees, support wildlife

- 1. What does your family do with empty bottles?
 - A) take them to a recycling bin
 - B) return them to the supermarket
 - C) throw them in the rubbish bin

- 2. When you clean your teeth, you
 A) turn the tap on only when you need water.
 B) leave the tap running until you have finished.
 - C) only use one glass of water.

3. You eat a chocolate bar in the street. What do you do with the wrapper?
A) drop it on the pavement
B) put it in a litter bin
C) save it for recycling

- 4. A local beach has been polluted with oil. You
 - A) donate money for the clean-up project.B) do nothing.
 - C) volunteer to help with the clean-up project.

Do you think the exercises we've done today are useful?

- It was useful....
- These tasks helped me...
- It was interesting....
- The most interesting thing was...