



# Environment

## Common questions

**Part 1** - Do you think pollution is a big problem nowadays?

**Part 1** - Do you take steps to help the environment?

**Part 2** - Describe an environmental problem in your country.

**Part 3** - What do you think is the main danger the world faces in terms of the environment?

**Part 3** - What measures can individuals take to protect the environment?

**Part 3** - How can we teach children about the importance of protecting the environment?

## Vocabulary and expressions

**Deforestation (n)** - the cutting down of trees in a large area.

*There is a lot of deforestation around our cities to make space for new housing.*

**Biodiversity (n)** - the number and types of plants and animals that exist in a particular area.

*Biodiversity has really decreased in tourist hotspots.*

**Drought (n)** - a long period when there is little or no rain.

*We experienced a drought last summer and it caused a lot of issues.*

**Sustainable (adj)** - causing little damage to the environment so able to continue for a long time.

*Sustainable living is a goal for me. I want to use renewable energy and reduce my waste.*

**Ecosystem (n)** - all living things in an area and the way they affect each other + environment.

*Ecosystems are being damaged by our city development.*

**Conservation (n)** - the protection of plants, animals, and natural areas.

*Planting trees is an example of the conservation work that I do.*

**Fossil fuels (n)** - fuel that has been produced in the earth from plants and animals.

*Our country relies on fossil fuels too much.*

**Environmentalist (n)** - a person who is interested in or studies the environment.

*Many environmentalists are trying to clean up our country's rivers nowadays.*

**Native wildlife (n)** - plants and animals that grow naturally in a place.

*The native wildlife around my hometown is diverse compared to other areas.*

**Die out (pv)** - to become less common and finally stop existing.

*Native wildlife near the city is dying out at a concerning rate.*