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Effects of Pollution



What is Pollution?

Pollution is when something is brought into an environment that is harmful to it. The affected environment can be the air, ground, or water supply. Factories produce **air pollution** from the smoke that comes out of their smoke stacks and vehicles from their tailpipes. **Land pollution** is made up of trash that people throw on the ground. Garbage and chemicals in the rivers, oceans, and lakes are a



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The Dangers of Pollution

Most people can spot pollution when they see it. In China, the **smog** in the air is so thick that it is hard to breathe and it is unsafe for children to play outside. A river in Switzerland is so filled with garbage that all the fish died. Animals that were once **nocturnal** are confused by the light pollution given off by cities and are coming out during the daytime. These are



only some of the effects of pollution. Because of pollution, we have trouble with our health, our water is unsafe and our animals are dying.

How To Prevent Pollution

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However, it is important to remember that every little bit helps. Recycle paper and plastic as well as compost your food as much as you can. Reuse things from around your house that you would normally throw out. Bike or walk instead of being driven around all the time. Encourage your family to take these steps with you!



Definitions:

Pollution – How humans harm the Earth by putting wastes into the environment.

Air pollution - Making the air we breathe less clean by emitting harmful substances into the air.

Land pollution - The garbage we throw on the ground instead of in recycling bins or garbage's.

Water pollution- Harming Earth's water systems by throwing trash and chemicals into them.

Light pollution – Having lots of lights shine at night so we cannot see the sky

Noise pollution - Loud noises caused by transportation or people, which affects animals' and people's lives.

Smog – Air pollution that looks like fog.

Nocturnal (meaning that they sleep during the day and come out at night)

Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. What causes pollution?
2. What is
3. Which

Extension Activities:

4. Research
5. Make a
6. Someone wants to know about pollution. Summarize IN YOUR OWN WORDS what you know about pollution, how it is caused, and how to help reduce the problem.

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