

ENVIRONMENT key

1. Write words connected to the environment starting with the given letters:

a	<i>acid rain,</i>	f	fog, forest	h	hot, heat
c	CFCs	s	sun	p	population
d	desertification	r	recycle	u	urbanisation

2. What are the biggest worries that people have to face nowadays connected to the given words. Fill in the chart:

air	<i>We pollute the air by using cars, burning all kinds of trash, producing so many items, this way pumping poisonous chemicals into the air.</i>
soil	We pollute the soil with fertilisers, there are huge litter field everywhere...
energy	We should save energy since we are running out of energy sources...
litter	We produce a lot of items, the society requires more and more... Do to our throw-away lifestyle, we also create a lot of litter...
trees and forests	
animals	
plant species	
minerals	
people	<i>There is overpopulation on some parts of the earth. We also exploit cheap workforce that live in some underdeveloped countries.</i>
children	We watch quietly how big companies exploit young people in order to produce more and have big profits... In Congo for example little children work in cobalt mines...

3. Listen and take notes – fill in the chart:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oa7ntoCf8yU>

1. What is the reason for Global Warming?
2. What can we do in general to stop it? (2)
3. Fill in:

problem	a possible solution:
the Earth is hotter	reduce the amount of greenhouse gases

melting icecaps	renewable energy
growing deserts	plant more trees
oceans are polluted	should save water at home
cars cause air-pollution	protect rainforests
wildlife is losing its natural habitat	
landfills emit greenhouse gases	

4. What can we recycle?

4. Fill in the sentences with the words:

batteries | train | lights | bus | recycling | coach | bicycle | energy | walk | conserve | cycle | charging | degrees | air-conditioning

- To save _____, turn off lights, television and computer when not in use.
- To _____ water, take short showers and turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.
- Don't drive when you can _____, _____ or use public transport.
- Unplug your mobile phone as soon as it has finished _____.
- Use rechargeable _____ instead of throwaway ones whenever possible.
- Turn down the central heating by one or two _____.
- Travel by _____, _____ or _____ instead of taking domestic flights.
- When on holiday - rent a _____ rather than a car.
- Turn off the _____ and _____ - _____ when you leave your hotel room.
- Instead of throwing things away, reduce garbage by _____ as much as possible.

5. Quizlet set:

<https://quizlet.com/707201630/environment-b1-flash-cards/?i=1b84td&x=1jgt>

6. Watch the National Geography video about DR Congo. For the second watching take notes about the given words:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1D2Bpo1AW0>

DRC	<i>has 10 % of the Earth's animal species</i>
diversity	

Congo River	
rain forests	
Congo basin	
Virunga	

7. Find the words. They can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal, backwards or forwards.

WORDS TO FIND:

chemicals | dust | fuel | gas | oil | smoke | coal | emission | fumes | landfill | pesticide | rubbish | waste | contamination | fog | garbage | methane | plastic | smog

Y	P	C	N	X	E	N	A	H	T	E	M	K	D
Y	V	Q	O	M	S	L	C	N	D	P	C	S	N
S	A	G	I	G	L	Y	H	I	W	D	M	T	Z
N	Q	C	T	K	A	R	H	G	T	O	Q	E	K
O	I	L	A	E	C	M	O	S	K	S	T	M	S
I	C	G	N	D	I	F	P	E	I	S	A	E	Y
S	O	A	I	I	M	D	Q	Y	A	B	M	L	K
S	A	R	M	C	E	X	U	W	H	U	B	M	P
I	L	B	A	I	H	J	P	S	F	N	K	U	L
M	V	A	T	T	C	Q	Y	L	T	P	D	M	R

E	N	G	N	S	R	N	R	B	U	C	M	F	T
Z	J	E	O	E	S	M	O	G	X	M	U	R	M/
Q	M	R	C	P	V	J	L	F	C	E	E	R	T
L	A	N	D	F	I	L	L	M	L	M	K	V	L

8. Explain a word to your partner from the grid. The fastest pair wins the match.

A

deforestation	car	factory	global warming	dirty
trash	bin	public transport	paper bag	shop

B

bike	plane	plastic bottle	tree	ozone layer
CFCs	recycle	sun	warm	river

9. Reading:

Species are being increasingly threatened by human activity. Sadly, hundreds of thousands of creatures are already extinct as the result of humans' increasing demands on Earth's resources. Gold mining in the Okapi Wildlife Reserve in Congo is putting at risk an animal called the okapi. The okapi is also called the forest giraffe because it is a relative of the giraffe. However, its neck is nowhere near as long as that of a giraffe's. It is also known as the zebra giraffe due to its striped hind legs. The okapi is only found in the area of Congo where mining is taking place.

Conservationists have called for a halt to the "rapidly expanding" levels of mining. They asked the government to revoke the mining company's license, to "protect the unique forest ecosystem and the local communities that depend on it". They warned that: "There is almost no wildlife left around the mine itself, and wildlife numbers are massively reduced around mining towns. There have even been cases of armed hunters trafficking okapi skins and elephant ivory in and around the mines." They added that: "If the Congo government acts now, this unique World Heritage Site can still be saved."

Sources: <https://phys.org/news/2022-10-gold-threatens-forest-giraffe-dr.html>
<https://news.mongabay.com/2022/02/refuge-of-endangered-african-unicorn-threatened-bymining-poaching-habitat-loss/> <https://www.bbc.com/news/live/world-africa-62845575>
From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2210/221024-congo-gold-mining-5.html>

1. PHRASE MATCHING

PARAGRAPH ONE:

1. Species are being increasingly
2. thousands of creatures are
3. humans' increasing demands

4. it is a relative
5. its neck is nowhere
6. striped
7. The okapi is only found
8. where mining is

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1. Conservationists have called
2. rapidly expanding levels
3. revoke the mining company's
4. protect the unique forest
5. the local
6. wildlife numbers are massively
7. armed
8. elephant

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- a. hind legs
- b. of the giraffe
- c. near as long
- d. in the area
- e. already extinct
- f. on Earth's resources
- g. taking place
- h. threatened

- a. reduced
- b. license
- c. communities
- d. ivory
- e. for a halt
- f. hunters
- g. of mining
- h. ecosystem

10. Blog comment:

While browsing the internet you have found an English forum where several people share their opinions about some of the environmental problems in their neighborhood. You would like to take part in the discussion. Give your opinion in 120-140 words writing about

- some of the problems that you can see around you
- the possible reasons
- the ways people could solve the problems, changes
- the new atmosphere that the changes might create