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What is pollution?

POLLUTION happens when harmful things get into our air, water, and land. It can hurt animals, plants, and even us. But there are simple ways to keep Earth clean and safe. Let us learn more about this problem affecting our planet and what we can do to help.

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Let's clean up Our planet



What can we do?

THE good news is that there are many simple actions we can take to help reduce pollution!

Remember the '3R' concept – Reduce, Reuse, **Recycle** – and always try to use less stuff. If you have something you do not need, see if someone else can use it. Recycling items can help turn old materials into new products, which keeps trash out of **landfills**. Also try to use reusable bags, bottles, and containers instead of single-use plastics. This can greatly reduce land pollution.

Whenever you can, walk or ride your bike instead of taking a car. This helps reduce air pollution and is a good exercise as well. Finally, it is important to discuss pollution with your friends and family – share what you know and keep the conversation going to raise awareness.



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BY understanding pollution and taking small steps, we can help keep our beautiful planet clean and safe for everyone. Let us work together to protect Earth!

What is pollution?

POLLUTION happens when harmful substances, called **pollutants**, make our environment dirty. There are three main types of pollutions affecting Earth.

Air pollution is caused by harmful gases and particles in the air. Cars, factories, and even wildfires can add pollutants to the air. When there is too much pollution in the air, it is difficult to breathe, see and we may even get sick!

Water pollution happens when harmful substances like trash and **sewage** enter rivers, lakes, and oceans. This harms fish and other animals living in the water. Polluted water can make people sick if they drink it or swim in it.

Land pollution occurs when garbage and chemicals are **dumped** on the ground. Things like plastic bags, food waste, and old batteries can pollute the soil. When this happens, it can harm plants and animals that live in or on the ground.



Pollution also affects the climate. When air pollution worsens, it leads to global warming, which means Earth gets hotter. This can cause problems like rising sea levels and extreme weather, such as storms and **droughts**.



Spot three differences between the two photos.



Answers on P12

Vocabulary Challenge

pollutant (n)
污染物

sewage (n)
污水

dump (v)
拋棄



drought (n)
旱災

recycle (v)
回收再用

landfill (n)
堆填區