

## ENVIRONMENT

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Many environmental problems worry us nowadays. The main issues are global warming, water and air pollution, rapid consumption of resources and deforestation.

Global warming means the increase in the world's temperatures. The greenhouse effect and the depletion of the ozone layer are believed to be its main causes. The ozone layer can be protected only by international cooperation. People should stop producing and using harmful products that damage the ozone layer.

Similarly, the natural habitat of endangered species must be protected. As far as I know, sea turtles, whales, African elephants and pandas are protected animals. Hunting all these species must be forbidden. It must be constantly checked that people respect laws and regulations. Products prepared from these animals must be banned and those caught on selling or buying these products must be punished. Also, the seas are endangered by industrial pollution, such as oil spills. Some species are becoming extinct because too many are caught and killed.

There are zoos where the animals are kept in very small cages and in very bad conditions. They don't get proper food, they don't have enough room to move and they die soon. On the other hand, there are zoos and safari parks where the animals have space to move and are taken care of properly. In these places the visitors can see not only what the animals look like but the way they behave and move.

People should be aware of how important the forests are for life. We shouldn't waste paper and we should recycle as much as possible. In addition, we should inform people how important recycling is and more selective rubbish containers have to be placed in housing estates and in other residential areas. Almost everything can be recycled, like plastic bottles, paper, clothes, cans and metal.

Furthermore, I use only ozone- and environment-friendly products. I try to recycle whatever I can, for example, I use both sides of paper to write or print on. Fortunately, there is a selective rubbish container close to our house, so I take bottles, newspaper and plastic containers there.

The most important factor is setting a good example. If children see that adults and their parents care about the environment, they will consider it important too.

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