



You must have come across the word ‘environment.’ People talk about polluted environment. What is environment?



Stand outside your house and look around and make a list of things you can see.

These things form environment. Environment is everything that makes up the surroundings of a living thing.

POLLUTION

Today most people live in big cities and towns. They are full of dirt, dust, smoke and traffic. Air has smoke and dust. Dust and smoke come from cars, buses and factories that make the air dirty. We can say that the air has been polluted by dust and smoke.



Waste from our homes and factories is after thrown into rivers, ponds, lakes and seas; this dirties the water. We say that the water has been polluted. Drinking polluted water causes many diseases.



LET US PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT

Children! you can talk to your parents and teachers and take up useful project to clean and protect your environment. You can help in the following ways :

1. Keep your surrounding clean. Throw waste papers, foils, wrappers etc., in the dustbin. Do not litter.
2. Wastes like vegetables peels, dry leaves and food get decomposed into the soil and eaten up by microbes. Plastic bags, polythenes, bottles etc., are not eaten up by bacteria and they pollute the environment.
3. Say 'NO' to polybags. Use bags made of cloth and paper. They decompose into the soil.
4. Do not cut trees. If somebody is cutting trees, protest them. Plant more and more trees to protect the environment.
5. Do not pollute the :
6. Play music at low volume.
7. Use CNG vehicles wherever possible. It is a clean fuel.



Do You Know ?

Delhi has the largest fleet of public transport running on CNG.

Save the environment to save the Earth.





Know the Keywords :

- Environment : External conditions in which people, animals, or plants live.
 Surrounding : Place all around.
 Smoke : Cloudy mass that rises from something burning.
 Litter : Untidy rubbish dropped in public places.

Point to Remember

- Environment is everything that make up the surrounding of a living thing.
- Air is polluted by dust and smoke formed by vehicles and factories. Plants clean the air.
- Water is polluted by wastes from house and factories.
- There are many ways by which children too can protect the environment.
- Save the environment to save the earth.

EXERCISE TIME

A. Multiple choice questions (MCQs).

Tick (✓) the correct option :

- Dust and smoke from cars, buses make the air _____.
 a. neat b. dirty c. clean
- Drinking polluted _____ causes many diseases.
 a. food b. water c. oil
- Say 'NO' to _____. Use bags of cloth and paper.
 a. fruits b. trees c. polybags
- Plant more and more _____ to protect the environment.
 a. vegetables b. trees c. fruits
- Play music at _____ volume.
 a. very high b. high c. low

B. Fill in the blanks :

- _____ is everything that make up the surrounding of a living thing.
- Air is polluted by _____ and _____.
- _____ clean the air.
- We should use bags made of _____ and _____.
- We should throw garbage in the _____.

C. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements :

1. Dust and smoke make the air dirty.
2. The air has been polluted by trees.
3. Drinking polluted water causes many diseases.
4. Your surroundings make your environment.
5. Cities and towns are full of dirt, dust, smoke and traffic.



D. Write any ten ways by which you can help to save the environment.

E. Answer the following questions :

1. What is environment ?
2. What is pollution ?
3. Name different types of pollution ?
4. Why should you have lost of trees around your house ?
5. How can we protect our environment ?



Creative Work

- Draw the picture of village where green grass grows, flowers bloom, river flows and birds chirp.

A large, empty rectangular box with a blue border, intended for the student to draw a picture of a village.

- Write a letter to the Prime Minister of India, giving suggestions on the laws that should be made to prevent pollution and other kind of damage to the environment.

Let children consult the English teacher about the format of the letter and how to address the Prime Minister.