

Let's Dream About a Safe Environment

“Try to leave the Earth a better place than when you arrived.”
Sidney Sheldon

1. Read the text and insert paragraph titles: How you can help the environment - What is the environment? - Why the environment needs your help

1. _____

When we talk about **our** environment we mean everything in the world around us which can affect our lives.

When we talk about **the** environment we mean everything in the world around us that surrounds and affects all life on earth, including the air, food chains, the water cycle, plants, animals and other humans.

Glossary

shelter – riparo
creek – torrente
dam – diga
tank - serbatoio

2. _____

Five basic needs of human beings from the environment are oxygen, water, food, **shelter** and warmth.

We get these from the planet on which we live.

- We breathe oxygen from the air
- We get water from the rain which fills our lakes, rivers and **creeks** and which we store in **dams**, reservoirs and water **tanks**.
- We get food from the plants, animals, fish and birds.
- We get shelter from the materials we take out of the earth and from plants that grow in the earth (trees) to make our homes.
- We get warmth from the sun, fire, power (electricity, gas, oil) and our clothing.

DID YOU KNOW?

If you could harness the energy from all the sunlight that falls on the Earth in one hour, you would have enough energy to supply the world for a year.

But over the years the human population has grown and grown. This has had a huge impact on the environment of our planet. This impact has caused changes which have affected our atmosphere

- by polluting it (too much smoke, carbon dioxide and other 'green house gases' such as methane),
- by making holes in the ozone layer which protects us from some harmful rays of the sun.

Everything living on the earth has basic needs. Humans have caused so many changes that many living things cannot get what they need. Some of the changes have led to the extinction of many kinds of wildlife (animals, plants, insects, etc).

We are beginning to realize that our basic human needs are being affected also.

3. _____

We all need to try to change our ways to help the environment and ourselves.

- Use less water (showers rather than baths or short showers, for example)
- Use less power (switch off the computer, TV or radio if you are not using it, for example)
- Make less rubbish

2. Read the text and answer the following questions.

1. What is environment?
2. Which are five basic needs of human beings from the environment?
3. What has had a huge impact on the environment of our planet?
4. Which are the main causes of pollution?
5. What have some of the changes caused by humans led to?
6. How could we help the environment and ourselves?

3. Riordina gli slogan sull'ambiente. Poi completa la terza colonna con should o shouldn't.

1. RECYCLE TAKES LITTLE EFFORT ON YOUR PART	A. SAVE LIFE!	You <i>should</i> recycle.
2. ELECTRICITY CAN	B. A TREE WITH ME?	You _____ save electricity.
3. LET'S GO GREEN	C. INSTEAD OF THROWING PAPER AND PLASTIC AWAY.	You _____ respect nature.
4. ONE TREE CAN MAKE A MILLION MATCHES.	D. TURN YOU OFF.	You _____ cut trees.
5. LESS POLLUTION	E. FOR A BIG DIFFERENCE TO OUR WORLD.	You _____ avoid pollution.
6. IT'S THE ONLY EARTH	F. ONE MATCH CAN DESTROY A MILLION TREES.	You _____ respect our planet.
7. SAVE WATER,	G. IS THE BEST SOLUTION.	You _____ save water.
8. RECYCLE EACH AND EVERY DAY,	H. TO GET OUR GLOBE CLEAN.	You _____ recycle.
9. DON'T LITTER,	I. WE GOT.	You _____ leave litter.
10. WANT TO HUG	J. IT MAKES THE WORLD BITTER!	You _____ cut trees.