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Some useful Links

Watch and read this **full lesson on the Environment here**
https://keithspeakingacademy.com/ielts-speaking-environment-lesson-vocabulary

Understand **greenhouse gases**
https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/overview-greenhouse-gases

Tool box
https://www.theidioms.com

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IELTS Speaking Vocabulary: Environment

Here is some useful vocabulary for this topic.

Ecosystem *(eco= environment, ecosystem is 'an environment system')*

Ecology (n.) = *the study of the environment*

Ecological (adj.)

Eco-friendly (adj.) = *describes things that protect and look after the environment, rather than damaging it.*

This fabric bag is eco-friendly

Global warming = *increasing temperature of the earth due to the greenhouse effect of more gases (CO2, CH4) being trapped in the atmosphere.*

Climate Change = *similar to global warming but focus on changing climates around the world*

Pollution

The following are all words (countable nouns) meaning waste or things we throw away.

waste
rubbish (UK)
garbage (US)
debris
trash (US)
litter (UK)
junk
refuse

A landfill (n.) (C) = *a place where rubbish is dumped and buried*

People **dump** rubbish in the sea, on the streets, in the landfills….

Biodegradable waste = *waste that naturally decomposes.*

Most waste is **non-biodegradable**, such as plastic.

We should **segregate** our rubbish (to **separate**) into ….

The 3 Rs: Recycle - Reduce - Reuse

Greenhouse gases

Methane (CH4)

Carbon dioxide (CO2)

Find out more about greenhouse gases here
https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/overview-greenhouse-gases

<u>Useful collocations</u>

Methane emissions

Carbon dioxide emissions

Carbon footprints = *the damage you cause to the planet by using carbon*

To reduce our carbon footprint

To be carbon neutral

Learn about targets for zero carbon footprints
https://www.theguardian.com/business/2020/feb/12/bp-sets-net-zero-carbon-target-for-2050

How we damage the environment

Deforestation = *cutting down trees*

Poaching = *killing endangered animals illegally*

Illegal dumping = *putting waste into a landfill / the sea without permission*

Light / Air / Noise pollution

Cars, aeroplanes…= most transportation

Overuse of **nonrenewable resources** (oil, gas, coal…**a**lso **k**nown **a**s - fossil fuels)

Learn about different kinds of **sustainable energy**
https://www.energy.gov/science-innovation/clean-energy

Growing urbanisation = *cities growing bigger*

Sea pollution

Use of pesticides *(medicine for crops)*

Destruction of bees

Desertification = *making land dry and like a desert, not arable, not fertile*

Digital garbage

Fashion industry is *coming under attack* for promoting consumerism and damaging the environment

Find out more about humans impact on the environment below
https://www.nationalgeographic.org/topics/resource-library-human-impacts-environment/?q=&page=1&per_page=25

How we can protect the environment

I am careful to recycle rubbish and waste at home

I strive *not* to use disposable plastic, such as coffee cups in Starbucks

I endeavour to turn off the lights in my home

I make an effort to turn taps off when possible

I pick up discarded rubbish *sometimes* OR …

…From time to time
…Once in a while
…Every now and then
…At times

I like to **do my bit =** to play my part = to contribute

We should **steer clear of**….. = *to avoid*

We should **be wary of** = *be careful and cautious with.*

Save energy
Save water, by not leaving the tap running unnecessarily
Do some volunteer work
Run a campaign to raise awareness
Clean up beaches
Participate in a beach clean-up
Reduce plastic waste
Protect wildlife habitats

Tool box

https://www.theidioms.com

A great tool to explore idioms by letter, word or topic.

Speaking Meditation and Visualisation

Click here to experience this meditation / visualisation

How can governments tackle (solve) this issue?

Raise awareness of the need to recycle

Sensitise people to the importance of using renewable energy

Incentivise (=to motivate) people to recycle

Incentivise (=to motivate) companies to use renewable energy and sustainable energy (solar (sun), hydro (water), wind…geothermal..)

Set zero-carbon **energy** targets

Reduce their carbon footprint to '**net zero**'

Promote the use of electric cars - and public transport

Plant trees

Carry our research on plastic substitutes (research on biodegradable alternatives)

Set up initiatives to protect…. wildlife / natural habitats / forests / endangered species

Implement policies to protect…

Put measures in place to protect…

Impose restrictions on….

Put in place **strict / stringent policies**

Idioms to talk about environment

To get out of hand = *to be out of control*

Damage to the environment is getting out of hand, if we don't do something soon, we will lose our planet

To **be in dire straits** = to be in trouble

To **be in deep water** = to be in trouble

The tip of the iceberg = the beginning of the problem

To **weather the storm** = to survive difficult times