

ECOLOGY



Problems that affect the planet.

Earth is the only planet in our Solar System known to support life. By learning to use its riches we have made our lives easier. But we are steadily damaging the very conditions that allow life to exist on the planet. Our day-to-day actions are affecting the environment. Global warming, destruction of the ozone layer and acid rain are just some of the ways we are destroying the Earth.

How do people damage the planet ?

- * Towns and factories pump sewage and poisonous chemicals into rivers and the sea. This pollution harms water plants and animals.
- * Exhaust fumes from traffic and fumes from burning waste can kill plants and make people ill.
- * Farmers use chemicals to produce more food, but some of them can damage soil and rivers.
- * Accidents at sea mean tankers spill oil into the water.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO SAVE OUR PLANET ?



Proposal:

- * Pupils must look for information about "Ecology" in newspapers and magazines and write a list of ecological problems and their causes.
- * Students will share their work and they'll reflect on the actual state of the planet and the consequences of the irresponsible action of men upon the natural environment.
- * In groups, students will imagine themselves as members of an ecological group defending the environment :
 - they'll create a logotype and a slogan, and also a Declaration of Principles
 - they'll write a list of proposals to save the planet
 - once all the pieces of work are finished, students will decide what things they can put into practice at school and at home.

- Aim:**
- to understand the meaning of a text
 - to widen up students' vocabulary
 - to recognize real problems and find possible solutions

