



National Environmental Concerns

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1. Which of the following environmental issues concern you most and why? What might the consequences of each environmental concern be? How might they be linked? (For example, *deforestation may be linked to species becoming extinct when they lose their natural habitat.*)
 - ✓ Global warming
 - ✓ Overfishing
 - ✓ Endangered species
 - ✓ Air pollution
 - ✓ Inefficient energy use
 - ✓ Water pollution
 - ✓ Deforestation
 - ✓ Littering
2. What do we mean when we say “environmentally friendly”?
3. Do you know what ‘global warming’ is exactly?
4. Why do we refer to global warming as the greenhouse effect?
5. What effects does global warming have on animals and on agriculture?
6. What is deforestation? What happens when we remove forests? What can we do to protect them?
7. Do you know the difference between ‘deforestation’ and ‘desertification’?
8. Do you agree with people who think that droughts, hurricanes and floods should be blamed on causes other than global warming?
9. Have you ever been caught in any extreme weather conditions? What was it like?
10. Are you afraid of thunder? Why / Why not?
11. In your opinion, how does weather affect people’s mood?
12. How can the weather affect the economy of a country?
13. How would you react in case of fire at home?
14. How will coastal areas be affected by global warming?
15. Do you know what the term ‘acid rain’ refers to?
16. Do you believe overpopulation is another big global issue as important as climate change?
17. Could you tell me in what ways the human activity is fuelling global warming?
18. Can you think up new ways to save energy in our everyday life?
19. How can we fill people in on how they can be more ‘green’? What should we do to increase the awareness about environmental pollution?



20. What are your thoughts on renewable energies? Do you think they are a key issue in the fight against climate change?
21. Which is more important for you, increasing people's standard of living, or protecting the environment? Why?
22. How can we protect the environment and at the same time improve people's standard of living?
23. Who do you think is more responsible for pollution, individual people or governments?
24. Do you know about any anti-pollution programs in your country?
25. Why should we recycle? Does your local government make it easy or hard for citizens to recycle?
26. There are three key factors when thinking about how to recycle. Do you know what the 3-Rs stand for? (recycle, reduce, re-use) What do they refer to?
27. Do you think that developers should be permitted to build big hotels and tourist complexes in the most beautiful places in your country?
28. Should cars be banned from city, town and village centres?
29. Are you for or against nuclear power? Do you think it is safe? Why/Why not?
30. Is acoustic contamination a problem in your city?
31. Are your country's seas, rivers and / or lakes clean to swim in?
32. What kind of environmental disasters are the worst for your country?
33. Mention some of the serious environmental problems our planet faces.
34. How can we prevent the present environmental destruction?