LIVING GREEN – Pollution Activity Sheet



Dictionary: Click or tap and hold on the selected word. Then select the Dictionary option from the Quick Menu to see the word's definition.

Glossary: There is a glossary on pages 60-61. Terms defined in the glossary are in bold type on their first appearance on any spread (two facing pages).

Find the answers to the Matching exercise using the Glossary.

MATCHING: Match the word to the meaning.

Answers:	Word:	
	1. Acid Rain	
	2. Erosion	
	3. Turbine	
	4. Emission	
	5. Dead zone	
	6. Global warming	
	7. Smog	
	8. Pollutant	
	9. By-product	
	10. Crude oil	

Me	aning:
A.	An airborne waste product
В.	Rain that has a high concentration of acids because of air pollution.
C.	An additional product created in the manufacture of an object or substance.
D.	A device used to generate energy when the force of water, steam, or air turns a wheel with vanes.
E.	An area in the ocean with too little oxygen for plant and animal life to survive.
F.	The form of oil that comes directly out of the ground; petroleum.
G.	A single source of pollution.
Н.	Gradual wearing away by wind, rain, ice, or other forces.
l.	A brown, hazy mixture of gases and particulates caused by exhaust gases.
J.	The gradual warming of Earth's surface caused by a build-up of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

MULTIPLE CHOICE: (Circle the correct answer.)

11. Go to Chapter: WHAT IS POLLUTION?

Underground deposits that were formed millions of years ago from the remains of plants and animals, such as coal, oil, and natural gas, are known as::

- a. Sedimentary fuels
- b. Biofuels
- c. Fossil fuels
- d. Synthetic fuels

12. Go to Chapter: WHAT IS AIR POLLUTION?

What is the name of the process by which carbon dioxide builds up in the atmosphere, trapping more and more heat?

- a. The greenhouse effect
- b. The carbon dioxide effect
- c. The sauna effect
- d. The heating effect

13. Go to Chapter: AIR POLLUTION FROM POWER PLANTS

Power plants that use the force of moving water to generate energy are called:

- a. Hydroelectric power plants
- b. Turbine power plants
- c. Hydrometre power plants
- d. Hydrogenerated power plants

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______ is a place where garbage and other solid waste materials are discarded.

- a. Landfill
- b. Drainage system
- c. Cesspit
- d. Biosphere

15. Go to Chapter: AIR POLLUTION FROM HEATING

The fact that so many buildings today are designed to be shut up most of the time with heating in the winter and air conditioning in the summer has led to a problem called:

- a. Stale air syndrome
- b. Toxic mould syndrome
- c. Carbon dioxide syndrome
- d. Sick building syndrome

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

16. Go to Chapter: AIR POLLUTION FROM AUTOMOBILES

Read the chapter and watch the video



Why is air pollution from motor vehicles worse now than it was in 1950?

17. Go to Chapter: WHAT IS SOIL POLLUTION?
Read the chapter. Why is healthy soil important?
18. Go to Chapter: CLEAN UP AND PREVENTION
Read the chapter and watch the video.
Scientists and engineers continue to develop remediation methods to deal with catastrophic pollution. Give a brief description on two remediation methods currently used on oil spills.
1.
2.

EXTENSION ACTIVITY: WATER POLLUTION FROM CHEMICALS

Using the diagram about mercury, explain how a heavy metal, such as mercury in ocean water, can be dangerous to humans.				

ANSWER SHEET:

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- 11. c. Fossil fuels
- 12. a. The greenhouse effect
- 13. a. Hydroelectric power plants
- 14. a. Landfill
- 15. d. Sick building syndrome
- 16. There are over 1 billion motor vehicles in use throughout the world today compared to only about 50 million in 1950.
- 17. Healthy soil includes living organisms such as bacteria, fungi, and small animals. These living things help break down wastes in the soil and release nutrients.
- 18. **Skimmers** are devices that pick up floating oil and put it in storage tanks on ships. One kind of skimmer operates like a vacuum cleaner and sucks up the oil.

Sorbents consist of materials that soak up oil like a sponge. The sorbents are put in the oil slick and then extracted when full of oil.

Dispersing agents, or detergents, are chemicals that dissolve or break up oil into tiny droplets that can then be handled by the ocean's own natural cleaning processes.

Gelling agents are materials that react with oil to form solids similar to rubber. This method is practical only on small amounts of oil.

Biological agents are microorganisms that "eat" oil and then give off simpler substances that can be handled by the ocean's cleaning processes.

EXTENSION ACTIVITY:

As large fish eat small ones, the mercury level becomes concentrated. A small amount of mercury may cause little harm to the plantlike organisms at the bottom of the ocean's food chain but even small amounts of mercury can accumulate as fish eat the small marine animals and are eaten by even larger fish. Humans who eat fish contaminated with high levels of mercury can suffer from mercury poisoning which can cause severe brain damage and paralysis.