



Useful vocabulary – Environmental issues and solutions

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Nouns – Talking about recycling, re-using items or reducing waste

French	English
l'eau (f)	water
l'énergie (f)	energy
le sac plastique	plastic bag
la boîte	box, tin
les transports électriques (m pl)	electric transport
la lumière	light
le papier	paper
le plastique	plastic
les produits verts	green products
les ressources (f)	resources
les restes	leftovers

Verbs - Recycling, re-using items or reducing waste

French	English
améliorer	to improve
jeter	to throw away
recycler	to recycle
réduire	to reduce
réutiliser	to re-use
sauver	to save, rescue
utiliser	to use

Useful nouns – Talking about environmental issues

French	English
la pollution	pollution
la planète	planet
la catastrophe	catastrophe
l'industrie (f)	industry
l'environnement (m)	environment
le danger	danger
la santé	health
le risque	risk
la forêt	forest
le bruit	noise
les transports (m pl) en commun	public transport

Useful verbs – Talking about environmental issues

French	English
arrêter	to stop
aider	to help
changer	to change
causer	to cause
conduire	to drive
lutter	to fight, struggle
protéger	to protect

Higher Tier - Nouns – Environmental issues

French	English
la bouteille	bottle
la circulation	traffic
les déchets (m) (pl)	rubbish, garbage
l'énergie renouvelable	renewable energy
l'inondation	flood
la manifestation	demonstration, event
la menace	threat
le paysage	landscape, scenery, countryside
les ressources durables (f) (pl)	sustainable resources
le verre	glass

Higher Tier - Verbs – Environmental issues

French	English
augmenter	to increase
brûler	to burn
construire	to build
détruire	to destroy, ruin
éviter	to avoid
inquiéter; s'inquiéter (de + noun)	to bother, disturb, to be worried (about + noun)
manifester	to protest, show
remplacer	to replace, swap
réutiliser	to re-use