

Useful vocabulary – Talking about the environment

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Describing environmental issues

Spanish	English
la acción	action, act
el agua (f.)	water
el clima	climate
la contaminación	pollution
el daño	harm, damage
la enfermedad	illness
la especie	species
la fábrica	factory
el fuego	fire
el gobierno	government
el humo	smoke
la industria	industry
el medio ambiente, medioambiente	environment
el paisaje	landscape
el peligro	danger
el planeta	planet
la presión	pressure
el río	river
el ruido	noise
el tráfico	traffic
la tierra	earth, land, ground

Useful verbs – Environmental issues

Spanish	English
afectar	to affect
apoyar	to support
aumentar	to increase
ayudar	to help
cambiar	to change
causar	to cause
conducir	to drive
construir	to build
contaminar	to pollute, contaminate
cuidar	to care for, take care of
deber	to have to, must
dejar	to let, leave
destruir	to destroy, ruin
evitar	to avoid, prevent
fabricar	to manufacture, fabricate
limpiar	to clean
lograr	to achieve
luchar	to fight, struggle
mejorar	to improve
morir	to die
necesitar	to need
prohibir	to prevent, forbid
reducir	to reduce
respirar	to breathe
salvar	to save

Useful nouns - Reducing, reusing and recycling waste

Spanish	English
el agua (fem)	water
la basura	rubbish, garbage
la bolsa (de plástico)	(plastic) bag
la botella	bottle
el daño	harm
los desechos	rubbish, waste
la energía	energy
la luz	light
el plástico	plastic
los productos químicos	chemicals
los recursos	resources
el vidrio	glass

Useful verbs - Reducing, reusing and recycling waste

Spanish	English
ahorrar	to save
apagar	to switch off
cerrar (los grifos)	to turn off (the taps)
evitar	to avoid
limpiar	to clean
reciclar	to recycle
recoger	to collect / pick up
reducir	to reduce
reusar	to reuse
tirar	to throw away
tratar de	to try to
usar	to use

Higher Tier - Describing environmental issues

Spanish	English
la consecuencia, como consecuencia	consequence, as a result
el incendio	fire
la manifestación	protest

Higher Tier - Useful verbs – Environmental issues

Spanish	English
actuar	to act
advertir	to warn
emitir	to emit
impedir	to prevent
quemar	to burn
sobrevivir	to survive
temer	to fear

Higher Tier - Useful verbs - Reducing, reusing and recycling waste

Spanish	English
reutilizar	to reuse
utilizar	to use