

Useful vocabulary – Environmental issues and solutions

Nouns – Recycling, re-using items or reducing waste

French	English
l'eau (f)	water
les déchets (m pl)	rubbish, garbage
l'énergie (f)	energy
le sac plastique	plastic bag
le carton	cardboard
la bouteille	bottle
les emballages (m pl)	packaging
la lumière	light
la pile	battery
le plastique	plastic
les produits chimiques	chemicals
le gaspillage	waste
les ressources (f)	resources
la rivière	river
le verre	glass

Verbs - Recycling, re-using items or reducing waste

French	English
sauver	to save
éteindre	to switch off
éviter	to avoid
nettoyer	to clean
recycler	to recycle
réduire	to reduce
réutiliser	to re-use
jeter	to throw away
essayer de	to try to
utiliser	to use
arrêter	to stop

augmenter	to increase
aider	to help
changer	to change
causer	to cause
conduire	to drive
construire	to build
éteindre	to switch off
polluer	to pollute, contaminate
détruire	to destroy, ruin
inquiéter; s'inquiéter (de + noun)	to bother, disturb, to be worried (about + noun)
éviter	to avoid, prevent
fabriquer	to manufacture, fabricate
lutter	to fight, struggle
améliorer	to improve
mourir	to die
protéger	to protect
respirer	to breathe
tuer	to kill

Useful vocabulary – Talking about environmental issues

French	English
le climat	climate
la pollution	pollution
la planète	planet
la maladie	illness/disease
la déforestation	deforestation
l'usine (f)	factory
le feu	fire
le réchauffement	warming
la catastrophe	catastrophe
la manifestation	demonstration, event
l'environnement (m)	environment
le danger	danger
la menace	threat
le bruit	noise
la circulation	traffic
les transports (m pl) en commun	public transport