

Useful vocabulary – Talking about the environment

Higher Tier vocabulary can be found at the end.

Nouns – The environment and climate change

Spanish	English
la acción	action, act
el agua (f)	water
el clima	climate
la fábrica	factory
el fuego	fire
la industria	industry
el medio ambiente, medioambiente	environment
la naturaleza	nature
el peligro	danger
el planeta	planet
la polución	pollution
el riesgo	risk
el ruido	noise
la tierra	earth, land, ground

Useful verbs – Environmental and climate change issues

Spanish	English
actuar	to act
afectar	to affect
ayudar	to help
cambiar	to change
causar	to cause
conducir	to drive
contaminar	to pollute, contaminate
deber	to have to, must
dejar	to let, leave

fabricar	to manufacture, fabricate
limpiar	to clean
luchar	to fight, struggle
mejorar	to improve
necesitar	to need
prohibir	to prevent, forbid
reducir	to reduce
respirar	to breathe
salvar	to save

### Useful nouns – Reducing waste, reusing and recycling

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

### Verbs - Reducing, reusing and recycling waste

Spanish	English
cerrar (los grifos)	to turn off (the taps)
limpiar	to clean
proteger	to protect
reciclar	to recycle
reducir	to reduce
reusar	to reuse
tirar	to throw away
usar	to use

## Higher Tier – Nouns - Describing environmental issues

Spanish	English
la amenaza	threat
la basura	rubbish, garbage
la consecuencia	consequence
el daño	harm, damage
la especie	species
el gobierno	government
el humo	smoke
la industria	industry
la inundación	flood
la luz	light
la manifestación	protest
el paisaje	landscape
la presión	pressure
el río	river
el tráfico	traffic

## Higher Tier - Verbs - Reducing, reusing and recycling waste

Spanish	English
ahorrar	to save
apagar	to switch off
apoyar	to support
aumentar	to increase
construir	to build
cuidar	to care for, take care of
destruir	to destroy, ruin
evitar	to avoid
lograr	to achieve
quemar	to burn
recoger	to collect / pick up
sufrir	to suffer
sobrevivir	to survive
temer	to fear
tratar de	to try to
usar/utilizar	to use