

Protecting Our Shared Planet

Chapter 10: Earth — Our Shared Home · Topic 2

Key Concept

Pollution, from vehicles, factories, and waste, harms air, water, and soil quality, affecting the health of humans, animals, and plants.

Simple actions like reducing waste, recycling, planting trees, and conserving water and energy all contribute to protecting our environment.

Global cooperation is also important, as environmental problems like climate change and pollution often cross national borders, requiring countries to work together.

Every individual's actions, combined with community and government efforts, contribute to the larger goal of protecting our shared planet for current and future generations.

Quick Revision Notes

- Pollution harms air, water and soil quality.
- Pollution comes from vehicles, factories and waste.
- Reducing waste and recycling help protect the environment.
- Planting trees and conserving resources also help.
- Environmental problems can cross national borders.
- Global cooperation is needed for issues like climate change.
- Individual actions contribute to a larger goal.
- Protecting the planet benefits current and future generations.

Practice Questions

- 1 List three ways you can help protect the environment.
- 2 Discuss a pollution problem in your area.
- 3 Plant a tree or discuss the benefits of planting trees.
- 4 Research a global environmental issue like climate change.
- 5 Make a poster about protecting the planet.
- 6 Discuss how individual actions add up to bigger change.