

Lesson 51

It's quite polluted.

Target: Having a conversation about pollution.

Vocabulary

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Pollution



Related vocabulary

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| - be polluted | - smog | - air pollution |
| - to pollute... | - to plant... | - noise pollution |
| - to dump | - a developed country | - light pollution |
| - pesticides | - a developing country | - to reduce... |
| - carbon dioxide | - carbon footprint | - to cut down on... |
| - emissions | - to offset... | - to recycle |
| - exhaust | - contaminants | - to contaminate... |

Conversation

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1 Use the questions below to have a conversation with your partner about the topic

Partner #1: Questions

- Do you recycle?
- What does pollution do to the environment?
- What's the smog like in your city? What cities have really bad smog?
- What different forms of pollution do you know of?
- Which country do you think is responsible for the most pollution? Should developing countries be held as accountable / responsible as developed countries?
- Are you conscious about offsetting your carbon footprint?
- What are some pollution catastrophes you know? e.g. the wreck of the Amoco Cadiz oil tanker
- How do you think people should dispose of radioactive materials?
- What do you think should be the punishment for people caught dumping illegally?

Partner #2: Questions

- What is pollution?
- What are some areas you know that are polluted?
- What are the benefits of planting more trees?
- What do you think the world will be like in 100 years if we continue to pollute the planet at the current rate?
- What kind of pollution do cars cause?
- How does pollution affect our health?
- What is the Kyoto Protocol?
- What are the leading causes of pollution?
- What can we do to reduce pollution?
- What's the best way to dispose of dangerous chemicals?

2 Complete one or more of the situations below

- Speech:** Explain how you would solve the pollution problem if you were the president.
- Discuss:** Come up with a proposal to reduce pollution at your home / work.
- Interview:** Interview your partner about the different kinds of pollution they have experienced.
- Debate:** You think big companies should be able to pay to dump their waste in the ocean, but your partner disagrees.