

Ecological Problems

Ukraine is suffering many **environmental problems**¹. Many of them **have been caused**² by economic activities. There are many **consequences**³ of damaging **the environment**⁴. One of them is **water pollution**⁵. The Dnipro and others rivers are **in danger**⁶. They are filled with poison: industrial waste, all kinds of chemical elements and pesticides. Industrial enterprises of large cities waste **harmful substances**⁷ into river and sea's waters. The emissions **destroy**⁸ fishing industry and lead to a damage of wildlife.

Another problem is **air pollution**⁹. It is caused by pumping waste gases from power stations or metallurgical plants. The waste gases cause **acid rains**¹⁰.

The next ecological problem is the problem of the Sea of Azov. The Sea of Azov is the special case. Because it is such a small sea, it becomes dirty very easily. Many industrial centres such as Mariupol, Berdiansk pour into the sea all kinds of **chemicals**¹¹. It naturally effects the state of the sea water and the shore line flora and fauna.

But the most terrible ecological problem of Ukraine is Chernobyl. The effect of **Chernobyl disaster**¹² is dangerous and tragic, because we don't know up to the end all the consequences of radioactive **contamination**¹³. Ukraine, as the member of World Community, is co-operating with international ecological organizations such as "Greenpeace" for example.

As you see our country has many ecological problems and if our generation doesn't do their best **to solve**¹⁴ these ecological problems we will have a global ecological catastrophe.

Vocabulary:

1. environmental problems – екологічні проблеми
2. have been caused – спричиняються
3. consequences – наслідки
4. the environment – навколишнє середовище
5. water pollution – забруднення води
6. in danger – в небезпеці
7. harmful substances – шкідливі, небезпечні речовини
8. destroy – руйнувати, знищувати
9. air pollution – забруднення повітря
10. acid rains – кислотні дощі
11. chemicals – хімічні препарати, хімікалії
12. Chernobyl disaster – Чорнобильське лихо
13. contamination – забруднення
14. to solve – вирішувати

- 1. Translate words and word-combinations to the Exercise 2 (b) on the previous page.**
- 2. Put all possible questions to the text.**
- 3. How do you think what pollute the environment the most?**