

Pollution Pre-Unit Vocabulary:

acid rain (noun) - rain that contains harmful chemicals that collect in the atmosphere when fossil fuels are burned

carcinogen (noun) - a substance that has been linked to causing one or more types of cancer

contaminated (adj.) - has come in contact with organisms or substances that cause disease

developing country (noun) - a nation that is working towards becoming more economically and socially advanced

domestic waste (noun) - garbage that is produced by people in a household

dumping (verb) - placing waste in an area that is not appropriate (ex. dumping chemicals in oceans)

hazardous waste (noun) - a form of garbage that is harmful to health of plants, animals, or humans and requires careful disposal (ex. batteries or paint)

industrial (adj.) - related to the advancement of the economy

pesticides (noun) - chemicals that are sprayed on crops to prevent insects from destroying them

pollutant (noun) - something that causes damage to the environment

pollution (noun) - the contamination of the environment

sewage (noun) - waste that humans put down drains

smog (noun) - air pollution caused by a reaction between chemicals in the atmosphere and sunlight

sustain (verb) - support

toxic chemicals [toxins] (noun) - poisonous materials that can cause disease

ventilation (noun) - the replacement of unclean air with fresh air