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# What is Environment

Understanding Our Environment: The World Around Us!

## DEFINITION

> The environment is everything that surrounds us, including living and non-living things. It affects how we live and interact with nature.

## KEY CONCEPTS

### Natural Environment

This includes all the natural elements like air, water, plants, and animals.

### Human Environment

This refers to areas created or altered by humans, like cities and farms.

### Ecosystem

An ecosystem is a community of living organisms interacting with their environment.

### Pollution

Pollution is harmful substances introduced into the environment, affecting health and nature.

### Conservation

Conservation is the protection and careful management of the environment and natural resources.

## EXAMPLES

→ A forest is a natural environment full of trees and wildlife.

→ A city park is a human environment where people can enjoy nature.

→ A pond is an ecosystem with plants, fish, and insects interacting.

## MEMORY TIPS

★ Remember 'NHEPC' for Natural, Human, Ecosystem, Pollution, Conservation.

★ Think of 'PEACE' to recall Pollution, Ecosystem, Air, Conservation, Environment.

★ Visualize a tree: roots (natural), trunk (human), branches (ecosystem) for connection.

## COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Confusing natural and human environments.

✗ Thinking pollution only affects air, not water or land.

✗ Not recognizing how ecosystems depend on each other.

## QUICK RECAP

The environment includes all surroundings, both natural and human-made. Understanding ecosystems and the impact of pollution is crucial for conservation efforts.