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What is Pollution

Pollution harms our planet and health in many ways.

DEFINITION

> Pollution is the introduction of harmful substances into the environment. It can damage air, water, and land, affecting all living things.

KEY CONCEPTS

Air Pollution

Air pollution occurs when harmful gases or particles are released into the atmosphere, often from vehicles and factories.

Water Pollution

Water pollution happens when harmful chemicals or waste enter rivers, lakes, and oceans, making water unsafe for drinking and wildlife.

Land Pollution

Land pollution is caused by the disposal of waste on land, including plastics and chemicals that can harm soil and plants.

Noise Pollution

Noise pollution refers to excessive or harmful levels of noise in the environment, often from traffic, construction, or loud music.

Effects on Health

Pollution can lead to serious health issues, including respiratory problems, allergies, and other diseases.

EXAMPLES

→ Smog from cars causing breathing issues.

→ Plastic waste in oceans harming marine life.

→ Chemicals from factories contaminating local rivers.

MEMORY TIPS

★ Remember 'A WILD' for Air, Water, Industrial, Land, and Noise pollution.

★ Think of 'POLLUTE' as 'People Often Litter, Leaving Unwanted Trash Everywhere.'

★ Use the acronym 'HEAL' to recall Health, Environment, Air, and Land impacts.

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Confusing pollution with littering; pollution is broader.

✗ Underestimating the effects of noise pollution.

✗ Thinking pollution only affects cities, not rural areas.

QUICK RECAP

Pollution is the contamination of the environment with harmful substances. It includes air, water, land, and noise pollution, all of which can negatively impact health and ecosystems.