

## THE ENVIRONMENT

### 1. NATURAL DISASTERS

- earthquake
- volcanic eruption
- hurricane
- tornado, whirlwind
- storm
- drought
- forest fire
- avalanche
- flood
- tidal wave
- casualties
- rescue operation
- rescue workers
- state of emergency
- emergency supplies
- death toll
- survivors
- victims
- famine

The area was evacuated.

Shelters were built.

An international relief fund was started.

Aid was provided by some charities.

People were airlifted to safety.

People are starving.

They are drinking contaminated water.

There is a growing risk of an epidemic.

Lots of buildings have collapsed.

Rescue teams search for people trapped under rubble.

Medical teams help the sick and the injured.

A large area is on fire.

Firemen are trying to put out the fire.

Lots of fire engines are sent to the place.

## 2. POLLUTION

- pollute the environment
- exhaust fumes
- toxic waste
- nuclear waste
- chemicals
- the greenhouse effect
- global warming
- greenhouse gases
- the ozone layer
- the atmosphere
- acid rain

### 3. EFFECTS

- The ice caps are melting.
- Sea levels are rising.
- Some areas are flooded.
- There are a lot of endangered species.
- Many animals are in danger of extinction.
- The Indian elephant is a protected species.
- The destruction of rainforests is a disaster.
- We have done great damage to the environment.
- Too many rivers are polluted or dead.
- We have to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

#### 4. TRADITIONAL ENERGY SOURCES

- fossil fuels
- coal
- gas
- oil
- petrol
- diesel
- nuclear power
- coal-fired power stations
- nuclear power stations

#### 5. ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

- solar power
- solar cells
- hydro-electric power
- wave power
- water power
- wind farms
- unleaded petrol
- renewable energy sources
- green energy

## 6. PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

- recycle
- recycling centre / point
- bottle bank
- save energy and water
- use recycled paper, glass
- buy organic products
- use public transport
- buy environmentally friendly products
- organic farming
- organic gardening
- use the right amount of fertilisers
- not use pesticides
- avoid genetically modified crops