

1. Read the text and fill in the words from the box into the gaps below. Be careful – there are two too many.

appliances	atmosphere	energy	fumes	gasses
habitat	industry	involves	oxygen	plant
public transport	reduce	unleaded	vehicles	

Pollution of the Earth's (1) _____ has reached frightening proportions. This is largely due to the growth of (2) _____ and increased use of private (3) _____. And because of this, acid rain and the ozone hole are the causes of air pollution. So what can we do about this problem?

One effective solution is for people to leave their cars at home and use (4) _____ instead. By doing this, there would be fewer exhaust (5) _____ and air pollution levels would be reduced.

Another solution is to (6) _____ more trees in urban areas. Then, as the trees breathe in (7) _____ such as carbon dioxide and breathe out (8) _____, the air in our cities will become cleaner.

Thirdly, it is important to save (9) _____. Power stations contribute to air pollution. By turning off lights and (10) _____ when we don't need them, we help (11) _____ the pollution problem.

In conclusion, I strongly believe that trying to reduce air pollution is something which (12) _____ us all. Everyone must take action before it is too late.

2. Put the verbs in brackets into the Present Perfect or Past Simple.

The Earth is 4.7 billion years old. Modern man (1) _____ (live) on the planet for only 35,000 years but in that time, we (2) _____ (change) our planet in many ways.

The Industrial Revolution (3) _____ (begin) in the 18th century, when agricultural societies (4) _____ (become) more industrialized and urban. The transcontinental railroad, electricity and other inventions permanently (5) _____ (mark) every aspect of people's lives.

Since then, the factories (6) _____ (pollute) the air, the land and the water. The invention of the automobile in the second half of the 18th century (7) _____ (start) the mass production of cars. And now, the pollution of the planet (8) _____ (reach) critical proportions.

Also, the population of the planet (9) _____ (double) in the last 40 years, which means we will need more food. That is why we (10) _____ (cut down) millions and millions of trees to make room for the fields. As a result, many plant and animal species (11) _____ (disappear) and are still disappearing because of the loss of habitat. Some animals have become extinct because of overhunting. For example, the dodo bird (12) _____ (become) extinct in the 17th century because the sailors who came to Mauritius (13) _____ (hunt) it for food.