

Pollution

Pollution is an impurity, which is something filthy or toxic. It becomes a	13
problem when it is introduced into the earth's environment. Water, air, and land can	27
all be affected by pollution. When something is polluted, it can no longer be used.	42
Millions of people around the world are affected by pollution. It is a growing	56
problem showing no sign of diminishing. The affects of pollution are wide-ranging.	69
Birth defects, lower life expectancy, and cancer are consequences of high pollution.	81
Even though thousands of people die each year because of pollution, it still remains an	96
ongoing problem with no clear solution.	102
Not all pollution is created equal. The land can be polluted with waste from	116
industrial companies and factories. The average family produces too much garbage,	127
and little emphasis is put on recycling and waste management. Americans create over	140
250 million tons of garbage each year. Every individual is responsible for over four	154
pounds of garbage each day.	159
Everyday chemicals pollute the earth's water. Sewage, pesticides, and	168
chemicals dangerous to humans are in the water! Most streams and lakes are not safe	183
to swim or fish in due to the large amounts of pollution. Millions of people are left	200
without clean water.	203
Humans need air to breathe. Every day we take thousands of breaths into our	217
lungs. The air is as polluted just like the water and land. Chemical particles escape	232
into the air when fuel is burned. Mixed gases cause chemical reactions like smog or	247
acid rain.	249