

Nature and the environment Countable and uncountable nouns

Choose one of the things below and say how much/ many there is, was and will be in this town, area and/ or country. Then say how you and other people feel about that. Does your partner agree with your descriptions and opinions?

Useful language for talking about the state of the environment

(far/ a bit) too much/ too many

a lot of/ many

quite a lot of

(just) enough

not many/ not much

not enough/ too few/ too little

not nearly enough/ far too few/ far too little

Add “some” before all the words below, then add “-s” where necessary after the nouns. Some are possible both with and without “-s” but some are uncountable and so should just stay as they are.

Check your answers as a class.

Find expressions in the box above which can go before countable nouns, uncountable nouns and both.

Try to explain absolutely everything you know about insects and other bugs, including where you got that information from.

Environmental topics to speak about

Acid rain
Air pollution
Allergy
Alternative fuel/ Biofuel
Animal shelter
Asthma/ Breathing difficulty
Awareness of CO2 emissions
Bicycle lane/ Bicycle parking
Bin/ Trashcan/ Garbage can
Biodiversity
Birth defect
Bug/ Creepy crawly (bee, beetle, cicada, cockroach, mosquito, spider, etc)
Carbon trading/ Carbon offsetting
Cattle farming/ Pastureland
Coral reef
Dam/ Hydroelectric dam
Dangerous animal (wolf, spider, venomous snake)
Deforestation/ Forest
Ecological education in schools
Ecotourism
Endangered animal
Energy consumption
Energy efficiency
Exotic pet
Food allergy
Garbage/ Rubbish/ Trash/ Waste/ Waste product
Garden
GM crop
Golf course
Grass
Green space/ Greenery
Hay fever
Heat
Heat stroke
Hiking course
Hunting
Hybrid car/ Electric vehicle
Incinerator/ Incineration
Interest in green issues
Interest in outdoor activities
Invasive species
Light pollution
Love of nature
Membership of ecological organisations, e.g. green parties
Native species
Natural disaster (flood, earthquake, landslide, avalanche, volcano, typhoon, tsunami/ tidal wave, drought, extreme heat, blizzard, etc)
Nature park/ Wildlife preserve
Neon

Noise/ Noise pollution
Nuclear energy
Organic food
Pesticide
Plastic bag/ Packaging
Pollution from another country
Population
Production of greenhouse gases
Public park
Public transport
Recycling
Rental bicycle
Rubbish dump
Sea level
Skin problem
Soil erosion
Soil pollution
Solar energy
Sparrow
Support for whaling
Time spent in the countryside
Use of fossil fuels
Vegan
Vegetarianism
Waste
Water pollution
Water use
Weed
Wildlife programme
Wind power