

Nature and the environment countable and uncountable nouns

Choose one of the things on the following pages below and say how much/ many there is, there was and there 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.

Write expressions in the box above which can go before countable nouns, which can go before uncountable nouns and which can go before both in the right column or columns below.

Before countable nouns	Before uncountable nouns

Add similar language not above to the table if you can, then check as a class.

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

Environmental topics to speak about the present, past and future of

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

Water pollution

Water use

Weed

Wildlife programme

Wind power