

Unit 1 – Think green, act green!

How to protect the environment

to use public transport	Robert uses public transport every morning to get to work.	öffentliche Verkehrsmittel benutzen
to cycle / walk to school	Because it's springtime, I prefer to cycle / walk to school.	mit dem Fahrrad zur Schule fahren / zu Fuß zur Schule gehen
to use and refill one's own water bottle	It's better for the environment to use and refill one's own water bottle.	die eigene Wasserflasche benutzen und wieder auffüllen
to use cotton bags when going shopping	My parents use cotton bags when going shopping to reduce plastic waste.	beim Einkaufen Baumwolltaschen benutzen
to care about how much water one uses	Esmee takes short showers because she cares about how much water she uses.	darauf achten, wie viel Wasser man verbraucht
to turn off appliances rather than using stand-by mode	Turning off appliances rather than using stand-by mode saves a lot of electricity.	Geräte ausschalten anstatt den Stand-by-Modus zu benutzen
to separate waste at home	My family separates waste at home to help the environment.	zu Hause Müll trennen
to only print out essential study materials and documents	Kaia only prints out essential study materials and documents for her world history class.	nur notwendige Lernmaterialien und Dokumente ausdrucken
to use less paper	I want to use less paper in school.	weniger Papier benutzen
to throw away used batteries in special containers	A lot of people don't realise that you need to throw away used batteries in special containers.	gebrauchte Batterien in speziellen Behältern entsorgen
to live with less meat, fuel and shopping	His goal for the new year is to live with less meat, fuel and shopping.	mit weniger Fleisch, Treibstoff und Konsum leben
to set the air-conditioning at a reasonable temperature	It seems like most Americans don't want to set the air-conditioning at a reasonable temperature.	die Klimaanlage auf eine angemessene Temperatur einstellen
to buy high-quality durable products	If you buy high-quality durable products, you'll reduce how much waste you produce.	hochwertige, langlebige Produkte kaufen
to plant organic food in one's garden	I think you'll eat healthier if you plant organic food in your garden.	biologische Lebensmittel im eigenen Garten anbauen
to dispose of waste properly	Otto taught his kids to dispose of waste properly to avoid pollution.	Abfälle ordnungsgemäß entsorgen
to be responsible for the waste one produces	You are responsible for the waste you produce, so make sure to clean up after yourself.	für den eigenen Abfall verantwortlich sein
to not waste food	I try to not waste food by planning my meals carefully.	keine Lebensmittel verschwenden
to pick up litter	Isabella picks up litter in her local park every week.	Müll vom Boden aufheben
to take part in an environmental demonstration	Taylor took part in an environmental demonstration because he was worried about pollution.	an einer Umweltdemonstration teilnehmen

The e-waste crisis

discarded electronic appliances	The discarded electronic appliances were later recycled properly.	weggeworfene elektronische Geräte
to produce e-waste	Many electronic devices are designed in ways that eventually produce e-waste when they become outdated or broken.	Elektroschrott erzeugen
to become a critical environmental issue	Finding a way to recycle technology has become a critical environmental issue in the last few years.	zu einem kritischen Umweltproblem werden

to always want the newest technical gadget/s	Teens these days always want the newest technical gadgets.	immer das neueste technische Gerät / die neuesten technischen Geräte haben wollen
to have an impact on the environment	People who buy fewer electronics can have a positive impact on the environment.	einen Einfluss auf die Umwelt haben
to contain metals like gold, silver and copper / hazardous substances	Laptops contain metals like gold, silver and copper / hazardous substances which can contribute to environmental damage.	Metalle wie Gold, Silber und Kupfer / gefährliche Stoffe enthalten
to be transported to developing countries	Sadly, e-waste is often transported to developing countries.	in Entwicklungsländer transportiert werden
to lack the infrastructure to safely recycle e-waste	If a country lacks the infrastructure to safely recycle e-waste, it may face an environmental catastrophe.	nicht über die Infrastruktur verfügen, um Elektroschrott sicher zu recyceln
e-waste is often improperly disposed of in landfills	She warned people that e-waste is often improperly disposed of in landfills, but few listened.	Elektroschrott wird oft unsachgemäß auf Deponien entsorgt
to be harmful to the environment / human health	There are chemicals in the water that are harmful to the environment / human health.	schädlich für die Umwelt / die menschliche Gesundheit sein
to contaminate groundwater	Pollution can contaminate groundwater, which harms both plants and animals.	das Grundwasser verunreinigen
to be exposed to harmful chemicals	Factory workers may be exposed to harmful chemicals if safety rules are not followed.	schädlichen Chemikalien ausgesetzt sein
to lead to health problems	If e-waste is not disposed of properly, it might lead to health problems.	zu Gesundheitsproblemen führen
Plastic pollution		
to be the founder of a global plastic cleanup movement	Jim is the founder of a global plastic cleanup movement that has done a lot of good around the world.	Gründer/in einer globalen Bewegung zur Beseitigung von Plastikmüll sein
to be worried about alarming amounts of plastic pollution in nature	We should all be worried about alarming amounts of plastic pollution in nature.	sich Sorgen machen über alarmierende Mengen von Plastikverschmutzung in der Natur
to feel determined to address this issue on a global scale	Because pollution continues to damage the environment, many countries feel determined to address this issue on a global scale.	entschlossen sein, dieses Problem weltweit anzugehen
to have volunteers from more than thirty countries	The organisation has volunteers from more than thirty countries around the world.	Freiwillige aus mehr als dreißig Ländern haben
to be an important issue for someone	Water pollution may be an important issue for someone who has suffered from its effects.	ein wichtiges Thema für jemanden sein
to get in touch with young people	The politician wanted to get in touch with young people to understand how they felt.	mit jungen Menschen in Kontakt kommen
to be passionate about keeping nature clean	Shirley is passionate about keeping nature clean, which is why she volunteers to pick up litter every week.	leidenschaftlich gern die Natur sauber halten
to leave a healthy planet for future generations	The goal for older people should be to leave a healthy planet for future generations.	einen gesunden Planeten für zukünftige Generationen hinterlassen
to reach larger audiences	If we want to reach larger audiences, we should advertise on social media.	größere Zielgruppen erreichen
to connect with people all over the world	The Internet is a valuable tool because it can be used to connect with people all over the world.	sich mit Menschen auf der ganzen Welt vernetzen
to encourage someone to do something	The teacher encouraged her students to recycle more at home.	jemanden ermutigen, etwas zu tun

to make environmental protection a lifestyle trend	If you make environmental protection a lifestyle trend, younger people will be more interested in helping out.	Umweltschutz zu einem Lifestyle-Trend machen
to spread one's message quickly	Social media allowed the activist to spread his message quickly.	eine Botschaft schnell verbreiten
every small step helps create a brighter future	She had to remind the class that every small step helps create a brighter future.	jeder kleine Schritt hilft, eine bessere Zukunft zu erschaffen
to use reusable water bottles	If you want to reduce plastic pollution, you should use reusable water bottles.	wiederverwendbare Wasserflaschen benutzen
to say no to plastics	We need to convince people to say no to plastics more often.	Plastik ablehnen, Nein zu Plastik sagen
to choose products with less packaging	Reducing plastic pollution can be as simple as choosing products with less packaging.	Produkte mit weniger Verpackung wählen
to use a lunchbox instead of plastic wrap	Thankfully, many students choose to use a lunchbox instead of plastic wrap to help reduce waste.	eine Lunchbox / Jausendose statt Frischhaltefolie benutzen
Environmental challenges		
air pollution	Air pollution causes serious health problems in many cities.	Luftverschmutzung
light pollution	Light pollution makes it difficult to see the stars at night.	Lichtverschmutzung
plastic pollution	Plastic pollution harms sea animals.	Plastikverschmutzung
waste pollution	Waste pollution is becoming a major problem in many countries.	Verschmutzung
water pollution	Water pollution affects rivers, lakes and oceans.	Wasserverschmutzung
climate change	Climate change is causing more extreme weather events.	Klimawandel
deforestation	Deforestation destroys the natural habitat of many animals.	Abholzung, Entwaldung
extinction of species	The extinction of species threatens the balance of nature.	Artensterben
greenhouse gas emissions	Greenhouse gas emissions are increasing global temperatures.	Treibhausgasemissionen
soil contamination	Soil contamination makes it difficult to grow healthy crops.	Bodenverunreinigung
The importance of protecting the environment		
to feel worried about plastic pollution / air pollution / water pollution / climate change / light pollution / deforestation	Kyle felt worried about plastic pollution / air pollution / water pollution / climate change / light pollution / deforestation after learning about it in school.	sich Sorgen machen über Plastikverschmutzung / Luftverschmutzung / Wasserverschmutzung / den Klimawandel / Lichtverschmutzung / Abholzung
to see the impact of waste on nature	It's easy to see the impact of waste on nature if you live in the countryside.	die Auswirkungen von Abfall auf die Natur sehen
to experience the consequences of plastic waste / air pollution / climate change	People are experiencing the consequences of plastic waste / air pollution / climate change now more than they ever have before.	die Folgen von Plastikmüll / Luftverschmutzung / Klimawandel erleben
to want to make a difference	Bella wanted to make a difference in her community, so she started recycling more.	etwas bewirken wollen
to feel helpless at times	Seeing how much people waste can make you feel helpless at times.	sich manchmal hilflos fühlen
to be unsure where to start	She wanted to clean up the beach but was unsure where to start.	unsicher sein, wo man anfangen soll

to organise events / cleanups in the local community	Giulia and her friends decided to organise events / cleanups in the local community.	Veranstaltungen / Aufräumaktionen in der lokalen Gemeinschaft organisieren
to teach students about environmental problems	Parents and teachers should work together to teach students about environmental problems.	Schüler/innen über Umweltprobleme unterrichten
to start environmental clubs / projects	A lot of students now feel motivated to start environmental clubs and projects at their schools.	Umweltclubs / -projekte gründen
to invite guest speakers	The principal invited guest speakers to the school to teach students about the environment.	Gastredner/innen einladen