



English : Common Core Classes

Unit 9 (Environment & Ecology) - Writing

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I- Activities

1-1/ Pollution

- A journalist is asking you questions about pollution in your city. Answer the journalist's questions. Give as much information as possible.

A : What kind of pollution is more dangerous? Water pollution or air pollution?

B : _____

A : Why do you think so?

B : _____

A : What are the causes of this pollution?

B : _____

A : There are certainly many negative effects. Can you mention some of them?

B : _____

A : Has the government and / or people done something to change the situation?

B : _____

A : What do you think people must do to change the situation?

B : _____

1-2/ Deforestation

- Write a list of things you must do and mustn't do when you go camping in a

forest :

I must	I mustn't
Example: I must put out the fire before I leave the forest.	Example: I mustn't cut down trees to make a fire.

1-3/ Save the Planet

1. Study the formal letter below and answer the following questions :

Stock Village Residents' Association
124, Spring Drive
Stock Village, NS 45715

February 1, 2005

Mr Robert Clegg
Stock Chemical Corporation
Stock Village, NS 45715

Dear Mr Clegg,

I am writing to inform you that the residents of Stock Village do not agree with your decision to expand the chemical factory. We feel that this is an irresponsible decision and there are many reasons why we do not accept that.

Firstly, this extension will automatically lead to more waste in the river, and you know that our river has already reached an alarming level of pollution. The water is contaminated and many types of fish are in danger of extinction.

Secondly, we have heard that you want to build two more chimneys. This means that there will be more toxic gases and more health problems in our community.

Finally, there have been two serious accidents at the factory this year. In one, a worker from our community died and others were badly injured. In the other, two farmers lost dozens of sheep because chemical waste polluted their fields.

Because of all this, all the people of our village have come together to oppose your plans, and fight for a clean and healthy environment. Our association wants you to attend the meeting of Monday March 12th to discuss possible solutions to these problems.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Smith, President
Stock Village Residents' Association



a. Who sent the letter?

b. When did he write it?

c. Who did he send it to?

d. Why did he write the letter?

e. How many reasons did he mention?

f. What action did he propose?

2. You are the president of the English School Students' Association. Write a letter to Mr Sean Downy, director of the school, to complain about the bad conditions you study in. Use the information below:

The English School Students' Association
45 Almassira Street
Rabat

The English School
12 Aljoulane Avenue
Rabat

Reason for writing: to complain
Some reasons : a. The school is very dirty.
b. There are not any dustbins.
c. There is no running water in the toilets.
Action..... : Hold a meeting to discuss the subject.

II- Practice

2-1/ Exercise 1

- You are the president of your village council; write a letter to Mr. Fred Gibson, the manager of the Australian paper factory, to complain about the damage the factory causes to the environment. Use the information below :

Your letter must have 5 short paragraphs :

Paragraph 1: state the reason for writing.

Paragraph 2: reason "a"

Paragraph 3: reason "b"

Paragraph 4: reason "c"

Paragraph 5: action

Do not forget to include :

- a. the two addresses,
- b. the date,
- c. the salutation,
- d. the closing, and
- e. the signature.

Masmoda Village Council
Box 1253
Masmoda

International Paper Corporation
Tangier Road
Masmoda

Reason for writing: to complain

Reasons:

- a. The bad smell in the village
- b. Throwing chemical waste in the river
- c. The noise of the machines

Action:

A meeting with the representatives of the village to discuss solutions

2-2/ Exercise 2

- What must/mustn't we do to :

a. keep the air clean?

b. save water?

c. keep the school clean?

d. keep the street clean?

e. keep rivers and seas clean?

f. keep the beach clean?

g. save electricity?

h. save endangered animals?

i. avoid desertification?

j. prevent traffic jams?
