

Hi my name is Vanessa Tapia and I'm a fifth grade student at PS216. I will be telling you about how we can reduce pollution. Pollution is harmful for people and the environment. Pollution comes in many forms...waste pollution, noise pollution, plastic pollution, and light pollution, just to name a few. Imagine you're a city animal wandering around the streets, looking around for food. Then, you see a chewed up orange bottle cap that looks like a carrot. You pick it up and swallow it. You start choking.. This is an example of what happens when we pollute the earth with waste and garbage. Noise pollution, plastic pollution, and light pollution are also bad for people, animals, and the environment.

Why Noise pollution is bad for the environment

Noise pollution is basically unwanted or excessive sound that affects our health and environmental quality. It is caused by cars, trucks, machines, construction, and industrial activity as well as airports and other transportation. According to an article on Britannica Kids, most people that live in the United states get stress related illness, high blood pressures, and hearing loss from noise pollution.. Most city pollution comes from cars. For example, when you're in the car blasting your favorite Taylor Swift song, you are not reducing noise pollution. You are increasing noise pollution. The music can be so loud you can hear it from outside. So when you want to listen to music in the car, its best to put on headphones and keep the volume down. So you don't hurt your ears and any other living things around you.

Why plastic pollution is bad for the environment

Plastic pollution is very common in crowded places. Plastic pollution is an addition of plastic waste to the landscape and waterways. The cause is manufactured pieces of plastic that are not properly disposed of. According to the article on Britannica kids, issues with plastic pollution are caused because plastic doesn't break down easily. Plastic waste flows downstream into rivers and oceans. Sealife can ingest choke upon or become trapped in plastic waste. So the next time your drinking something out of a plastic bottle, don't throw it on the floor. Instead find a garbage bin and throw it in there . Its simple as 1-2-3!

Why Light pollution is bad for the environment

Light pollution is unwanted or excessive light. The cause is street lights and lights coming from buildings and houses. According to Britannica Kids, light pollution can cause birds to crash or fly into buildings and homes and can change nighttime visibility of natural features. So, instead of sleeping with the lights on, buy a night-light. Because when you sleep with the lights shining so bright it affects the environment outside and wastes electricity. Again easy as A-B-C!

In Conclusion ...

Reducing pollution is important because when we reduce pollution, we change the way our planet looks. And, that's a good thing. Because we are changing our planet to look better and making it better for our health and the environment. Here are some things you can do to reduce pollution. One, when you're stuck in traffic, remember not to honk the horn because it can create noise pollution. Two, when you see your best friend finish their chocolate bar, remember to remind them to throw it out in a bin, not in the grass. and three, when you're at home and all the lights are on, the lights off that you are not using at the time. We must all do our part! Thank you for listening to my speech about reducing pollution.