



# TOPIC MIND MAP :

## 12. THE ENVIRONMENT

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## ENVIRONMENT

## MAJOR CONCERNS

- Scarcity of resources
- Loss of biodiversity
- Deforestation
- Endangered species
- Over-development
- Climate change
- desertification

## CONSEQUENCES

- Impact on human health
- Decreased air quality
- Temperature increases
- Loss of habitat and threat of extinction for many species
- Crops sprayed with potentially poisonous chemicals

## CLIMATE CHANGE

- Extreme weather
- Floods
- Drought
- Heatwaves
- Devastating storms
- Tsunamis
- Melting of the icecaps
- Rising of sea levels

## MAIN CAUSES

- Water pollution
- Air pollution
- Soil pollution
- Overfull landfills
- Excessive consumerism
- Pesticides
- Litter on streets

- Stricter laws
- Fines and prison sentences
- Education
- Restricties use of pesticides
- Treated water
- Encourage use of renewable energies

“ Think big but act small”

- Go electric
- Go green
- Plant trees
- Adopt an animal
- Eco-friendly

## Solutions

- Reduce packaging and plastics
- Protect animals habitats
- Rely more on wind power, hydro power and biomass fuel.
- Make green products more accessible

- Conserve water and energy at home
- Reduce, reuse, recycle
- Buy safe products and organic produce
- Cycle, carpool or use public transport when commuting
- Switch to solar energy
- Use natural fibre clothing
- Buy energy-efficient products

## THE WEATHER

### What's the weather like?

○It's sunny, raining, snowing, cloudy, windy, foggy, smoggy, cold, warm, hot, muggy, drizzling, clear, good, fine, terrible, awful, freezing, chilly

### On sunny days...

- I like sunny weather
- You can go out, play sports outside, do outdoor activities, enjoy the countryside and go to the seaside.
- It makes you feel better
- It's really uplifting

### On rainy days...

- I don't like cold weather
- You need to stay inside, wear warm clothes and wear multiple layers
- You're more likely to get a cold or the flu
- It's depressing
- It makes you feel sad, tired, sluggish and lazy.