

# Man's Impact on the Environment

## Pre Module Discussion

1. Look at the following list of environmental problems. Can you add any other environmental problems? In your group, try to complete the table.

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Examples</b>	<b>Causes</b>	<b>Solutions</b>
Global Warming			
Acid Rain			
Reduction in Biodiversity			
Deforestation			
Desertification			
Marine Pollution			
Soil Erosion			
Waste			

## Vocabulary

1. The following words will be used in the listening and reading activities.  
Match the word to the meaning.

Word	Meaning
1. acrimonious	a) able to be maintained
2. livelihood	b) something that causes pollution
3. allocate	c) full of anger and bitterness
4. irrigation	d) rainy season, especially in parts of Asia
5. constraint	e) basic organisation or system
6. salinized	f) having the most importance or urgency
7. monsoon	g) something that results from an action (especially an unexpected problem)
8. finite	h) movement from one place to another
9. sustainable	i) calculate or express as a number, degree or amount of something
10. priority	j) whatever provides the money needed to live
11. indefinite	k) something that motivates or encourages you to do something
12. pollutant	l) without any specific end
13. debris	m) an amount lacking
14. quantify	n) to set aside something for a particular purpose
15. repercussion	o) make dirty or impure
16. contaminate	p) bringing water to a dry area, usually for irrigation
17. appropriation	q) an amount of money set aside for a particular purpose (usually from a government budget)
18. infrastructure	r) having an end or limit
19. delegation	s) salted, contaminated with salt
20. shortfall	t) constant though about or interest in something
21. shrinkage	u) limitation or restriction
22. migration	v) decrease in the size or value of something
23. incentive	w) pieces of something that has been broken or destroyed
24. preoccupation	x) a group representing others

2. Match the word on the right with its synonym on the left.

Word	Synonym
abundant	fair
equitable	calculate
advocate	reduced
ominous	healthy
toxic	threatening
depleted	enhance
prosperous	change
transition	plentiful
able-bodied	wealthy
optimise	poisonous
gauge	support