

AIR POLLUTION – WORD LIST

- **achieve** = reach, get
- **acid rain** = rain that has poisonous gases in it and can damage our environment
- **air conditioning** = a system that makes the air in buildings or in a car cooler
- **air pollution** = things that make our air dirty, so that it damages our environment
- **areas** = places
- **breathing** = to pull in air through your mouth into your lungs
- **cancer** = a very dangerous disease in which cells in the body start to grow in an unusual way
- **carpool** = a group of people who travel to work together in one car
- **carbon dioxide** = the gas that is produced when animals breathe out
- **check** = to find out if something is safe
- **confused** = if you can't think clearly or don't know what is happening
- **damage** = destroy, harm, make worse
- **decade** = a period of ten years
- **destruction** = damage, ruin
- **development** = growth
- **disappear** = if something doesn't exist anymore or you can't see it—it's gone
- **discover** = to find something for the first time
- **dust** = dry powder that is made up of small particles of dirt
- **economy** = the system of how a country buys and sells its products, also the financial system of a country
- **environment** = the air, water, ground around us
- **eruption** = when a volcano sends out lava and gas
- **especially** = above all
- **fuel** = a material like gas, oil or coal that can be burned to get energy
- **greenhouse gas** = gases like carbon dioxide that makes the atmosphere thicker and causes the greenhouse effect
- **impossible** = something that can't be done
- **increasing** = growing
- **lead** = a grey metal that melts easily and is very poisonous
- **lifestyle** = the way we live
- **lung disease** = a disease that makes it very difficult or impossible to breathe
- **nitrogen** = a colorless gas that forms most of the earth's air
- **nitrogen oxide** = when nitrogen gets together with oxygen
- **occur** = to happen
- **originate** = come from
- **outdoors** = outside the house
- **overheat** = to make something too hot
- **oxygen** = a gas in the atmosphere that we can breathe, and that animals and plants need to live
- **ozone** = a poisonous blue gas that is a type of oxygen
- **ozone layer** = layer of gases in the sky that stops harmful rays from the sun from reaching the earth
- **particle** = a very, very small piece of something—you can hardly see it
- **poisonous** = something that can lead to a disease or even kill you
- **pollutant** = material that makes air or water dirty
- **population** = all the people that are living in a country or a city
- **power stations** = a building where a lot of electricity is produced
- **prevent** = stop something from happening
- **protect** = defend, guard
- **ray** = a line of light that comes from the sun or the moon
- **responsible** = to blame
- **set free** = release
- **soil** = the top part of the earth on which plants grow
- **solar** = everything that comes from the sun
- **spray can** = a can from which you can spray paint onto things
- **substance** = material that can be solid, liquid or a gas
- **sulfur dioxide** = a poisonous gas that causes air pollution
- **surface** = the top layer of something
- **tidal** = everything that comes from the waves of a sea or an ocean
- **vehicles** = a machine with an engine in it that can take people from one place to another. Cars, buses or motorcycles are vehicles.
- **waste treatment** = what we do with the things we don't need any more