

Green Earth

Learning Objectives

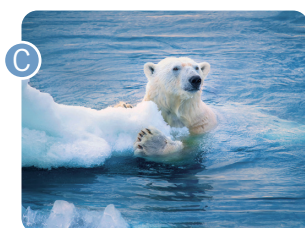
After completing this unit, you will be able to

- learn more about educating the public to protect the environment;
- understand information about the changing environment;
- exchange ideas about solutions to pollution problems;
- describe the activities to protect the environment;
- write a letter to promote going green.

Warming Up

1 Think and match.

将环境保护相关表述与图片相匹配。



1) melting ice

2) planting trees

3) plastic pollution

4) smog

5) using cloth bags

6) sorting garbage



2 Think and discuss.

根据图片，思考并讨论以下问题。

1

What is the animal in the picture?

2

What is the picture about?

3

Where does it take place?

Information Card

the Arctic (北极)
ice cover
global warming



Listening and Speaking

3 Listen and tick.

听录音，勾选出两人谈论的话题。



- ☐ A. The disappearance of polar bears (北极熊).
- ☐ B. The melting of ice cover in the Arctic.
- ☐ C. Protecting Arctic animals.
- ☐ D. The impact of global warming on the Arctic.

4 Listen and choose.

再听录音，选择正确答案。

Which of the following is NOT the result of global warming?

- ☐ A. It is harder for some animals to get enough food.
- ☐ B. The number of some wild animals is dropping.
- ☐ C. Polar bears have to find food from under the ice.

5 Listen and complete.

再听录音，补全新闻摘要。

News About Global 1) _____

The Arctic ice cover is becoming

2) _____!

Effects on animals:

Polar bears have to 3) _____,

Not to be able to 4) _____

there, thus their numbers will 5) _____.

It also affects other wild animals.





6 Listen, read and underline.

听录音并跟读，标出有关咨询和解释垃圾分类的语句。

John Smith lives in Beijing. He is talking with a community clerk about garbage sorting.

John Smith: I saw some new dustbins in our neighborhood. What are they for?

Clerk: For garbage sorting.

John Smith: But I don't know how to do that.

Clerk: Don't worry, Mr Smith. Here's a handbook about it. There are also garbage sorting apps for cell phones.

John Smith: That's great. Can you give me more examples about recyclable waste?

Clerk: Yes. Please look at the checklist. Paper, cans and bottles can be recycled. Paint, bulbs and batteries cannot because they are toxic (有毒的).

John Smith: Good. That explains everything. I want to know what will happen to the waste.

Clerk: After being recycled, the waste can be made into other materials.

John Smith: Hmm, why should we do this? It takes more effort.

Clerk: In this way, we can help reduce waste and protect the environment.

John Smith: I see. This is a good project. Everyone should join this.

7 Imitate and practice.

模仿活动6，与同伴练习对话。



kitchen garbage

- food leftovers and kitchen waste
- feed animals
- be made into plant food



harmful waste

- light bulbs, medicines, household chemicals (化学物品), and batteries
- after special treatment, be used to generate (产生) power

8 Role play.

假设你所在的社区正在开展“世界地球日”宣传活动，根据提示信息，分角色针对不同废弃物的处理方式进行咨询和解答。

You may begin like this

A: I saw people use a lot of ... It is a big waste.

B: Exactly. We can **reduce** them, and use ... instead.

A: Can you **recycle** these ... ?

B: Yes. We can put them to good use instead of throwing them away.
For example, we can ...

- used batteries
- disposable (一次性的) paper cups
- reusable water bottles
- soda bottles
- metal cans

Reading and Writing

9 Discuss and list.

与同伴讨论，列出环境优美的地方所应具备的元素。

green grass

clean river



10 Read and tick.

阅读课文，勾选出本文的写作目的。



The purpose of this passage is:

- ☐ To tell readers about the author's childhood.
- ☐ To describe the environment the author grew up in.
- ☐ To call on people to protect the environment.
- ☐ To ask people to bring back the fish.

I always think of my childhood experience in an African village. I would visit a stream next to our home to get water for my mother. I would drink water straight from the stream. I would play with the fallen flowers in the stream. And I would try to touch all kinds of fish. But every time I put my little fingers under them, they would go away. Later, I saw thousands of young fish swimming through the clear water against the background of the brown earth. This is the world I received from my parents.

Today, over 50 years later, the stream has dried up. Women walk long distances for water, which is not always clean, and children don't even know what they have lost. It was not until now that I realized the importance of protecting the environment.

It's time we took action for future generations! We should save water and make the best use of it. At the same time, trees should be planted as many as possible. What's more, we can always go green by carrying our cloth bags while shopping and taking public transportation or shared bikes while moving around.

If everyone gets involved, we will be able to protect the home of the young fish and give back to our children a world of beauty and wonder.

11 Read and choose.

再读课文，补全关于过去和现在的环境比较。

**In the past**

plenty of water in the stream;

1) _____;

2) _____.

Now

3) _____;

the water is not always clean;

no more fish.

12 Read and decide.

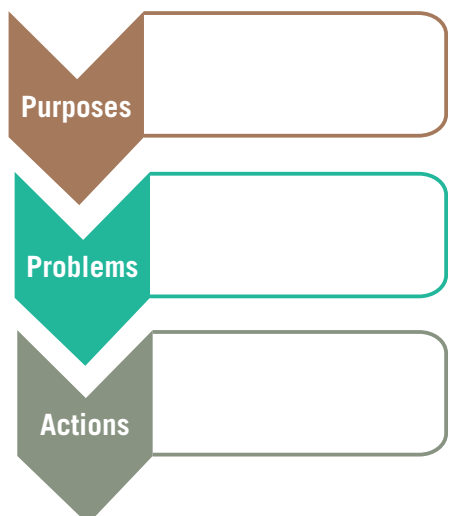
再读课文，判断以下说法的正误。

- ☐ 1) There were different kinds of fish in the stream.
- ☐ 2) The stream did not dry up today.
- ☐ 3) I used to have a lot of fun in the beautiful environment.
- ☐ 4) The challenge now is to protect the home of the young fish.

13 Read and classify.

阅读所给信息，按要求将其归类。

- A. take public transportation
- B. the river has dried up
- C. plant more trees
- D. give our children a world of beauty and wonder
- E. call on people to protect the environment
- F. the drinking water is not always clean
- G. save water
- H. use cloth bags instead of plastic ones



14 Read and complete.

依据活动13提供的信息，补全有关保护环境的倡议书。

My fellow students,

I'm writing this letter to 1)_____.

In recent years, some changes have taken place in my hometown. The river near my home used to be clean, but now 2)_____. We have to go far to get water, and 3)_____.

It's time we did something about it. We should 4)_____.

Also, we can 5)_____.

If everyone gets involved, we will be able to 6)_____.

Yours sincerely,

...

Culture Understanding**Earth Hour**

Earth Hour is a global event held on the last Saturday of March every year. It calls on people to turn off their lights and other **electrical appliances**^① like computers for one hour. In this way, people can pay more attention to climate change and realize the importance of saving our planet. Earth Hour first started in 2007 in Sydney and many cities around the world followed its lead in the following year. On March 28th, 2009, up to 88 countries and 4 000 cities **participated**^② in it. From 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm on that day, many cities in China such as Beijing, Dalian and Hangzhou also took part in the activity. It seems to be a dark world when the lights are turned off. People are trying to do something special to protect the environment through such a beautiful "dark moment".

① 电器 ② 参加

Q:

What will you do during Earth Hour?



Language Practice

Grammar

强调句



It was not until now that I realized the importance of protecting the environment.

It's time that we took action to protect our environment.

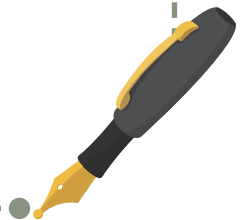
It was in the park that he called on people to try garbage sorting.

It is his father who we turned to for help last time.

15 Read and underline.

阅读以下短文，标出其中的强调句。

What does it mean to be green? "Green" is more than just a color. It also means taking special steps to protect the environment. It is the water, the land and the air we breathe that we need to take care of. It is people's choices that cause pollution in our world. What can we do? Here's a four-step guide to being green. Remember it is recycling that helps us save the resources. ...



16 Read and complete.

阅读并补全以下强调句。

- 1) _____ in the Arctic _____ the ice cover is melting.
- 2) _____ the volunteer _____ explained the ways to stop pollution.
- 3) _____ in the big hall _____ they gathered to listen to the lecture.
- 4) _____ not until the following year _____ they considered the proposal.
- 5) _____ him _____ I met in the museum yesterday.

17 Read and rewrite.

阅读短文，根据画线部分的提示，将原句改写成强调句。

Notice

Ladies and gentlemen, a lecture about garbage sorting organized by our community will be held in our lecture hall at 3 o'clock on Nov. 6th. Everyone is welcome. After that there will be a community market. You can exchange your books, games, toys and other things with your neighbors.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

► Vocabulary

18 Choose and complete.

选择合适的短语，用其适当形式补全句子。

- 1) The total number of _____ is increasing rapidly in this city.
- 2) A new household _____ regulation has taken effect in Shanghai.
- 3) This causes underground water level to drop and rivers to _____.
- 4) We must pay attention to air and water pollution _____.
- 5) It was _____ I visited the Forbidden City that I found it really worthy of the name.

- dry up
- shared bike
- not until
- garbage sorting
- at the same time

19 Read and complete.

阅读短文，用所给单词的适当形式填空。

protect

recycle

straight

waste

involve

Green Monday is our program to help offices reduce paper 1) _____ and make sure that offices 2) _____ what they can. We aim to spread the ideas and educate our staff on the benefits of doing that. We believe 3) _____ from the start that people need to be actively 4) _____ in this program to stop global warming and to 5) _____ the environment.

Group Work

Write a letter of proposal.

- ① Read the passage about going green and reflect on the things you may not do well. 阅读有关绿色环保的短文，反思自己可能存在的一些不当做法。

Situation

由于部分同学环保意识淡薄，你作为“绿色校园俱乐部”的成员，准备代表俱乐部面向全体同学发出一份倡议书，呼吁大家行动起来，为环保贡献自己的一份力量。



Going green is a great way to reduce your environmental footprint and help protect the environment. Being green is all about reducing the resources you use, reusing items when you can, and recycling items that can't be reused. If you're ready to go green, start by changing your mind and personal habits.

- ② Make a survey on the things you and your classmates don't go green about. Find out the top three and discuss the possible solutions. 在同学中做一个最不环保行为的调查，确定3个最不环保的行为并讨论可能的解决方式。

Are you and your classmates going green?	
Things you fail to do	1.
	2.
	3.
Suggestions you need to take	1.
	2.
	3.

- ③ **Write a letter below and post it online.** 完成校园环保倡议书，并通过网络向全校同学发出倡议。



Dear fellow students,

We're writing this letter to _____

Yours sincerely,

Green School Club



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- transportation dry up
neighborhood
stream
waste
treatment
garbage sorting
handbook
distance
realize
at the same time
shared bike
drop
melt
dustbin
against
straight
battery
involve
not until
childhood
- pollution**
- effect**
- protect**
- recycle**

- ### After completing this unit, I can

- [illegible]