

### 1. Complete the gaps in some of the sentences below with not enough, too many or too much.

- There are ..... cars, lorries and big factories in the cities. They are noisy and dirty.
- It doesn't rain for months, so there is ..... water, and the crops all die.
- There is ..... rain, and rivers burst their banks. Animals drown, and houses and crops are ruined.
- People build new towns or roads in beautiful areas, digging up fields and forests.
- Because of pollution, hunting or fishing, there is ..... food for some animals. They start to die out.
- Hurricanes, fires and earthquakes damage houses and crops.
- Shops use ..... packaging, and people throw lots of things away. More and more landfill is used for getting rid of our rubbish.

### 2. Match the sentences from exercise 1 with the environmental problems below.

- Drought ( )
- Floods ( )
- destruction of the countryside ( )
- waste disposal problems ( )
- endangered species ( )
- pollution ( )
- natural disasters ( )

### 3. Look at these sentences about one of the environmental problems from exercise 2.

Write each sentence under the correct column.

- We should improve public transport.
- There are too many cars and lorries driving into the city.
- We should build a new ring road around the city.
- If we build a ring road, fewer cars will drive through the city.
- There is too much pollution in the city.
- It will be very expensive to improve public transport.
- If we improve public transport, fewer people will travel into the city by car.
- I think we should improve public transport and encourage people to take the bus or train into the city. Although it will be expensive, more people will want to visit our city because it will be less polluted.
- If we build a ring road, we will have to destroy an area of countryside.

The problem:	Causes of the problem	Possible solutions to the problem	Plus/minus points about these solutions	The best solution – a personal opinion

4. Look back at the environmental problems in exercise 2. Are any of these things problems in your country/area? Is there another environmental problem that is especially important for you? Choose a problem that you feel strongly about. Make notes about the problem under the headings from exercise 3.

5. For this project, you are going to present the environmental problem you made notes about in exercise 4. You can do this any way you like. You can prepare and video a presentation about the issue. Or you may prefer to write a letter about it. You could make a poster, or you could write and record an interview. You should explain the problem carefully, describing the causes and putting forward the various solutions. You should also say clearly what you think is the best solution, giving good reasons.