

 **Subject: Social Studies**

 **Class: JSS1**

 **Term: First Term**

 **Week 9**

 **Topic: Influence of Man in the Environment**

Lesson Objectives

By the end of the lesson, students should be able to:

1. Explain what is meant by man's influence on the environment.
 2. Identify positive and negative ways humans affect their environment.
 3. Suggest ways to reduce the negative influence of humans on the environment.
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I. Meaning of Man's Influence on the Environment

Man's influence on the environment refers to how human activities affect the surroundings where they live. These activities may have **positive** or **negative** impacts on the land, air, water, animals, and plants.

II. Positive Influences of Man on the Environment

1. **Tree planting (afforestation)** – Prevents erosion and improves air quality.
 2. **Cleaning of surroundings** – Reduces disease and improves sanitation.
 3. **Construction of drainage systems** – Prevents flooding.
 4. **Recycling of waste materials** – Reduces pollution.
 5. **Building of schools, hospitals, and roads** – Promotes development and better living conditions.
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III. Negative Influences of Man on the Environment

1. **Deforestation (cutting down trees without replacing them)** – Leads to desertification and erosion.
 2. **Pollution** – From dumping refuse, oil spills, and smoke from factories and vehicles.
 3. **Overgrazing and bush burning** – Destroys soil nutrients and vegetation.
 4. **Building on water paths** – Causes flooding.
 5. **Overuse of natural resources** – Leads to scarcity and environmental damage.
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IV. Ways to Reduce Negative Influence

1. Educate people on environmental protection.
2. Encourage tree planting and discourage bush burning.
3. Create environmental laws and enforce them.
4. Use eco-friendly products.
5. Proper disposal of waste and reduce single-use plastics.