* **air quality**: the cleanliness of the air we breathe. Due to the opening of a new factory nearby, the air quality here went down.
* **bio-diversity**: a diversity in nature, among plants and animals. Nowadays, we suffer the loss of bio-diversity.
* **endangered species:** a category of animals or plans that might become extinct. White rhinos are endangered species. There are only 5 white rhinos left in the world.
* **environmentally friendly**: products that do not harm the environment. I try to use only environmentally friendly goods in order to preserve the nature.
* **exhaust fumes**: gases, ejected from an engine as waste products. I bought an electric car to avoid producing exhaust fumes when I drive.
* **fossil fuels**: energy resources like gas and oil. Gas is one of the most well-known fossil fuels.
* **global warming**: an increase in temperature all-over the world, as a result of greenhouse effect.Global worming is a very serious problem that our society is dealing with.
* **greenhouse effect**: heating of the atmosphere due to the carbon dioxide and other gases. Greenhouse effect causes global warming.
* **melting of glaciers**: the process of icebergs' melting. Melting of glaciers increases the sea-level.
* **natural disaster**: an event like an earthquake, hurricane etc. I experienced a natural disaster in the form of an earthquake last year.
* **paper recycling**: the processes of reprocessing waste paper for reuse. It was found that paper recycling causes 35% less water pollution and 74% less air pollution than making virgin paper.
* **poacher**: one who kills or takes wild animals illegally. Poaching is considered a violation of hunting rules and impedes wildlife conservation.
* **toxic waste**: poisonous rubbish, produced by industrial processes. Many factories in my city dump toxic waste into rivers and lakes.

**Useful phrases:**

* **to become extinct**: to stop existing. Dinosaurs became extinct may centuries ago.
* **to be under threat**: to be in danger of becoming extinct. White Rhinos are under the threat of becoming extinct.
* **to dry up**: to have all the water drained away. The small river in my hometown dried up this summer due to the enormous heat.
* **to get back to nature**: live a life that is closer to nature. My friend decided to leave his boring job and move to the countryside to get back to nature.
* **to litter**: to throw rubbish in inappropriate places. I always try to find a garbage bin to throw my trash in. I don't like to litter.