

**VOCABULARY**

Match the words to the definitions below. There is one extra word.

**fossil fuels****endangered species****emission****global warming****greenhouse gases****pollution****waste****acid rain****climate change****deforestation****carbon footprint****ecosystem**

1. Fuels that are formed in the ground from the remains of dead plants and animals. Oil, natural gas and coal are all fossil fuels.
2. Animals and plants in danger of becoming extinct.
3. The release or discharge into the air of pollutant substances such as gas or smoke
4. A gradual warming of the earth's surface temperature reportedly caused by the emission of gases that trap the heat of the sun in the earth's atmosphere.
5. Gases that trap the heat of the sun in the earth's atmosphere, producing the greenhouse effect.
6. Contamination of the air, water or soil with substances that can cause harm to human health or the environment.
7. Anything that is unwanted or unused and is thrown away.
8. Rain mixed with sulphuric, nitric and other acids formed by gases released into the atmosphere when fossil fuels are burned (factory smoke, cars, etc.).
9. A change in earth's climate over a period of time.
10. Cutting down trees which provide oxygen and absorb carbon dioxide is seen as a cause of increased greenhouse effect.
11. A measure of the effect that human activities have on the climate (measured in units of carbon dioxide).