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Annotation: *Humans are responsible for a variety of environmental problems, but we can also take steps to reduce the damage that we are causing to the planet. This article will discuss environmental problems and the measures that governments and individuals can take to address these problems.*

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Two of the biggest threats to the environment are air pollution and waste. Air pollution is due to various causes, such as burning fossil fuels and emission of hazardous pollutants caused by factories and automobiles, e.g. carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide. Gas emissions from factories and exhaust fumes from vehicles lead to global warming, which may have a devastating effect on the planet in the future. As the human population increases, we are also producing ever greater quantities of waste, which contaminates the earth and pollutes rivers and oceans. Air pollution causes many health problems, such as respiratory disease, eye irritation and premature newborn babies. Air pollution can destroy the ozone layer that protects us from the harmful rays of the sun and consequently, air pollution contributes to global warming. Air pollution damages natural resources and leads to ecosystem degradation and poor air quality.

Governments could certainly make more effort to reduce air pollution. They could introduce laws to limit emissions from factories or to force companies to use renewable energy from solar, wind or water power. They could also impose 'green taxes' on drives and airline companies. In this way, people would be encouraged to use public transport and to take fewer flights abroad, therefore reducing emissions.

Individuals should also take responsibility for the impact they have on the environment. They can take public transport rather than driving, choose products with less packaging, and recycle as much as possible. Most supermarkets now provide reusable bags for shoppers as well as 'banks' for recycling glass, plastic and paper in their car parks. By reusing and recycling, we can help to reduce waste. Also air pollution can be reduced by implementing energy efficiency programmes, introducing vehicle emission standards, expanding car replacement programmes, new cars with old cars, extending environmentally-friendly means of transport, expanding public transport facilities e.g. park-and-ride terminals providing carpool facilities, regular check-ups for cars should be

obligatory. People also should use of more efficient engines and modern exhaust-filtering device.

Both national governments and individuals must play their part in looking after the environment.

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