

THE AIR WE BREATHE



The air we breathe is the most forgotten natural resource. It is invisible, but it is necessary for life on Earth!

Without the oxygen in the air, we wouldn't be able to survive. Air can't be used up or go away, but it can get dirty. In some cases, it can get so dirty that we can't use it to breathe, or, using it can make us sick.

EXAMPLE

Factories that produce chemicals that go into the air can make the air unusable. One of the ways we can correct this and make the air a usable natural resource again is by making factories use filters that catch the chemicals before they can get into the environment.

BELOW IS A LIST OF FOUR WAYS THE RESOURCE OF AIR CAN BE RUINED. WRITE TWO SENTENCES THAT DESCRIBE HOW TO CORRECT THE PROBLEM.



1 Cars produce chemicals in exhaust from running the engine that can ruin the air.



2 Pesticides and fertilizers used to grow large amounts of crops on large farms can ruin the air.



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Use of spray cans for paint, cleaners, and other household products affect the breathable air.



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Chemicals get into the ocean from companies and factories, which contaminate rain water.


