

IELTS ENGLISH PODCAST. THE ENVIRONMENT. TRANSCRIPT

Part 1. Do you think pollution is a big problem nowadays?

I think pollution is an enormous problem nowadays. It's a particularly air pollution is one of the things that I see very often. We've got air pollution water pollution so these kind of things seem to be a killing off the native wildlife around the countryside and we're seeing more and more insects and animals and plants die out. It's causing so many problems for us people you know our respiratory systems are affected so I think it's a huge problem nowadays.

Part 1. Do you take steps to help the environment?

I do try, I try to do a number of things for example, of course, I recycle I divide all of my rubbish. I try to walk as much as possible because I don't want to be using fossil fuels as much as I can, so that would mean of course driving a car. I have been part of some conservation projects such as I attended a plant a tree festival or something like that where I spent the whole day planting trees and in the future, I hope to live more sustainably, sustainable living for me would be using renewable energy such as solar energy and wind energy and just not polluting the environment as much as possible.

Part 2. Describe an environmental problem in your country.

I'd like to tell you about air pollution in Korea air pollution is a huge problem here. In the past, I remember when I first came to Korea 11 years ago. I felt like the sky was very often blue, it was clean. There was no issues with breathing we had the yellow dust. but I don't remember pollution and very fine dust being an issue nowadays, so we're 10 years later, it's just a nightmare that occurs multiple times a year.

Let me tell you a little more about the situation now. Particularly every winter sometimes in spring and various other times of the year we have this enormous amount of pollution hanging over certainly Seoul, sometimes the country, now this blows over from factories. I think also the huge number of cars contribute to it and it's is making breathing very difficult, it's making it very dangerous for humans and as I said before also wildlife and the environment. Environmentalists are particularly concerned about it, so they're doing what they can do by making sure people know what's happening why it's such an issue.

I think possibly deforestation has also contributed to this issue deforestation has occurred around Korea a lot particularly with the development around Seoul so I suppose there's a number of contributing factors to the poor air quality, for me personally.

VOCABULARY

deforestation (noun) - the act of cutting down or burning the trees in an area

dust (noun) - a fine powder that consists of very small pieces of sand, earth, etc.

fossil fuel (noun) - fuel such as coal or oil that was formed over millions of years from parts of dead animals or plants

native (adjective) - connected with the place where you were born and lived for the first years of your life

pollution (noun) - the process of making air, water, soil, etc. dirty; the state of being dirty

recycle (verb) - to treat things that have already been used so that they can be used again

respiratory (adjective) - connected with breathing

rubbish (noun) - things that you throw away because you no longer want or need them

wildlife (noun) - animals, birds, insects, etc. that are wild and live in a natural environment