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Environmental Conditions

A healthy environment is one in which plants and animals are free to grow and thrive. They have everything they need. The circle of life means that some living things will die, but others are there to replace them. However, this is not always how the environment ends up. There are several things that can destroy the balance, or even eliminate the environment completely. It is our responsibility to be sure we do not contribute to this destruction, and help where we can. If not, the consequences could be too much.



Think of all the things that could threaten plant or animal survival in an area. Write them all in a list. Next, decide if it is the fault of humans that it is happening. Lastly, decide if humans could help stop the threat.

Threat to the Environment	Is it Humans' Fault?	Can Humans Help?
Flood	N*	Y
Volcanic Eruption	N*	N*
Hurricane	N*	N*
Tornado	N*	N*
Ice Storm	N*	N*
New Buildings/Development	Y	Y
Pesticide Use	Y	Y
...etc		

*The overuse of fossil fuels is contributing to global warming, which is causing many of these issues. If we stopped contributing to global warming, we could lessen the occurrences of these disasters.

Here you will find a picture of a healthy environment.

- a. Choose one of the threats you listed on the front of the page and re-draw the picture showing what it would look like after.
- b. Explain what happened.
- c. Describe how we could help stop this from happening,



After

What happened? How could we stop it, or how could we help?
