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**CHAPTER NAME : OUR ENVIRONMENT**  
**SUB-TOPIC : OUR NEEDS AND WANTS, POLLUTION AND SAVING OUR ENVIRONMENT**

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**CHANGING YOUR TOMORROW**

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## LEARNING OBJECTIVE :

### Learners will be able to know –

- about the basic needs of our life
- What is pollution and how to save our environment.

## LET'S RECAPITULATE:

Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false.

1. Our environment includes both the living and non-living things.

**TRUE**

2. Living things cannot grow, move and do not need food.

**FALSE**

3. Soil, water , air, plants and animals are natural things.

**TRUE**

4. Buildings, roads, cars, computers and clothes are human-made things.

**TRUE**

5. People, plant and animals are non-living things.

**FALSE**

# OUR NEEDS AND WANTS

- What are basic needs of our life?
- Air, water, food and shelter are our basic needs. Without these we cannot live.
- We need air to breathe, water to drink, food to eat, a house to live in and clothes to wear.



Air to breathe



Water to drink



Food to eat



House to live



Clothes to wear

# OUR NEEDS AND WANTS

- What are our wants ?
- Our wants are unending and far exceed our needs. We can stay alive without them.
- From where and how do we satisfy our wants?
- We can do it only from our natural environment.
- Due to the increasing population and increasing wants, our natural resources are getting used up very fast.

# OUR NEEDS AND WANTS

- Forests are being cut down to create more farmlands, housing colonies and factories.
- Trees are cut down to make furniture and paper.
- People are using more cars means more petrol.
- Animals are killed for their skin and to make clothes.

# POLLUTION

- What is pollution?
- Pollution means when something harmful enters the environment and spoils it.
- What are the causes of pollution?
- Things that do not decay, like plastics, pollute the environment and cause land pollution.
- Our greed for more and more things is polluting the environment.



Land  
Pollution

# POLLUTION:

- Smokes from the vehicles polluting the air.
- As the factories of computers and clothes growing more and more, wastes from these factories polluting the water bodies like rivers and seas.



water  
Pollution



# POLLUTION:

- Farmers are polluting the soil by using chemical fertilisers to grow more crops.



Soil  
Pollution

- Gandhiji has said, **‘This world contains enough for everyone’s needs, but not for everyone’s greed.’**
- So we need to control our wants and our greedy demands for **MORE.**

# SAVING OUR ENVIRONMENT

- How to save our environment?
- We can save our environment by adopting the following ways.
- We can stop wasting paper as wasting paper means cutting down more and more trees. We should plant more trees.



Deforestation

- We can stop buying things, which are made by killing animals illegally, like things made from fur and ivory.
- We can cycle or walk to nearby places instead of taking a car or a bus, to save on fuel and control air pollution.

# SAVING OUR ENVIRONMENT

- We can switch off lights and fans when they are not needed to save electricity.
- We can shut taps when not in use to save water.
- We should use cloth bags instead of polythene bags everytime we go for shopping.

We should pledge on the World Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June to save the environment from pollution and destruction.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Swachh Bharat Abhiyan or the Clean India Mission was launched by the Government of India in 2014. The main aim of this campaign is to put an end to open defecation in India through the construction of personal and public toilets. The Swachh Bharat Abhiyan also aims to ensure that the streets, roads, water bodies, railway stations and other public spaces in the cities and towns of India are kept clean. It is the largest ever cleanliness drive launched in India.



Swachh Bharat  
Abhiyan

# LEARNING OUTCOME:

## Learners will come to know -

- about the basic needs of our life
- What is pollution and how to save our environment.

# HOME ASSIGNMENT

- Make a list of natural and man-made sources of environment.

**THANKING YOU**  
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