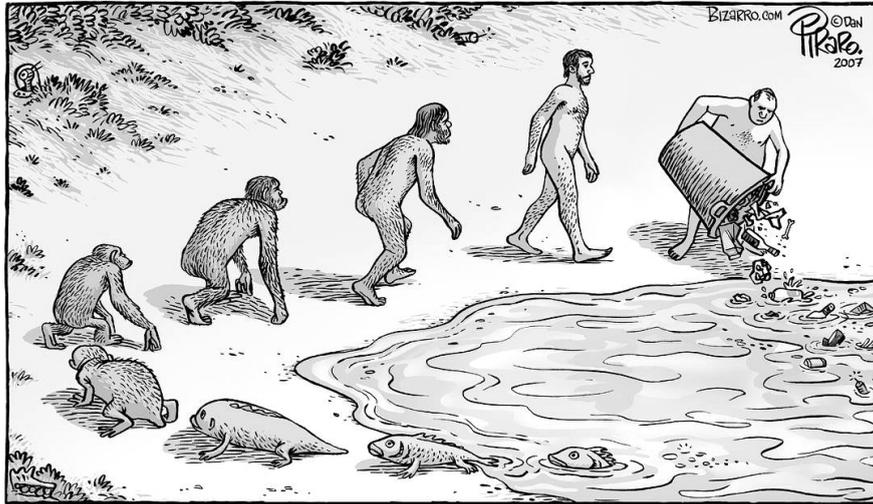


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"We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors — we borrow it from our children." —
Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (French author)



Surprising facts

The amount of water on Earth is constant, and continually recycled: some of the water you drink will have passed through a dinosaur.

1 in every 8 deaths on Earth is related to air pollution. 3.4 million people die each year because of problems related to unclean water.

14 billion pounds of rubbish are dumped into the ocean every year and most of it is plastic.

Rainforests cover around 2 percent of the Earth's surface, but about 50 percent of the plants and animals on the earth live there.

It is estimated that as many as 988 million birds die from crashing into windows in the United States each year.

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Mixed up vocabulary

boycott	when the last of an animal or plant dies, it becomes this
countryside	the number of people (or animals) who live somewhere
wildlife	stop buying a product or service from a company you don't like
population	to make the environment unclean and poisonous
pollute	animals and plants in their natural environment
toxic	an area outside of cities and towns
extinct	another word for poisonous

Idioms and collocations

People in wealthy countries consume up to ten times more *natural* _____ than those in the poorest countries.

The giant panda is an *endangered* _____. There are thought to be fewer than 2000 currently living in the wild.

Many countries are moving away from *fossil* _____ and instead turning to *renewable* _____ sources such as solar and wind power.

97% of climate scientists believe that *climate* _____ is caused by humans.

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How much do you recycle?	Are you worried about climate change? How do you think it could affect you?
What do you do to save energy?	Do you think that today's environmental problems will be solved in the future?
Have you ever boycotted a company or a product?	Do your thoughts about the environment influence what you buy?
Does your town or country have problems with pollution?	What could companies do to reduce harm to the environment?
What do you think about nuclear power?	Have you noticed changes in the climate in your lifetime?