What is pollution?

Pollution happens when we make our earth dirty. When we make the earth's air, water and soil dirty, we pollute them. Wind, water, the air and the sun can all help to clean pollution.

But when there is too much pollution, the earth cannot clean itself anymore.



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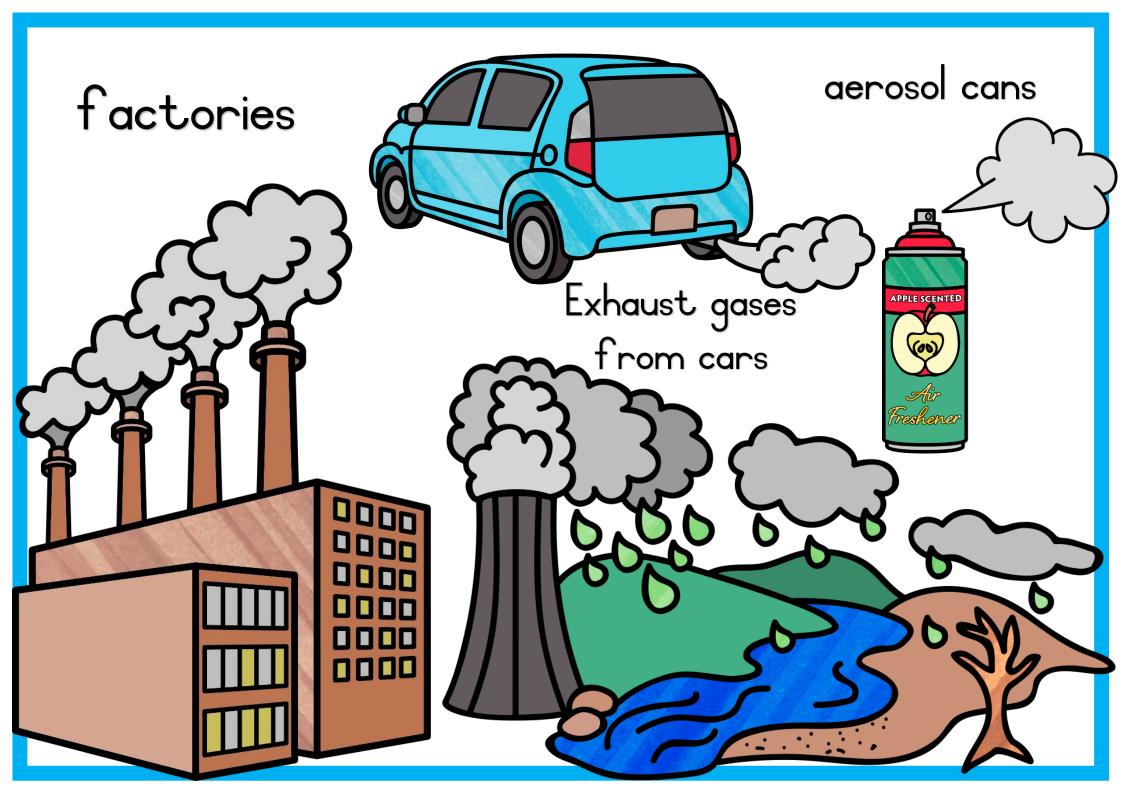


Air pollution



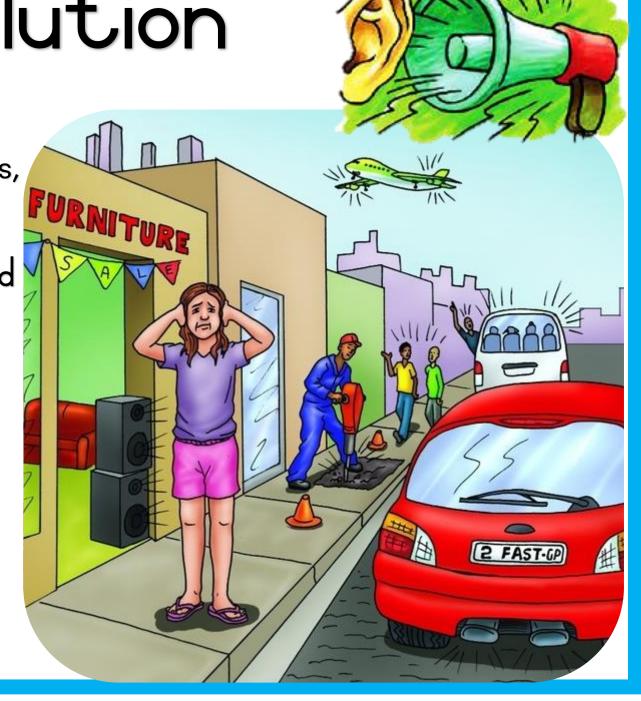


Air pollution also destroys the ozone layer which protects life on earth from the harmful rays of the sun. Too much acid in the air from factories, can cause acid rain. Acid rain kills plants and damages buildings.



Noise pollution

Noise pollution is caused by heavy vehicles such as trucks, the hooting of cars and taxis, factory machines, loud music and construction equipment, used on building sites and road - building. Too much loud noise can cause hearing loss.



Soil pollution

Soil pollution happens when there are too many dangerous chemicals in the soil. Soil pollution can be caused by the waste from factories and mines. The waste from homes, schools, hospitals and offices is buried in the ground in landfills (big holes). The waste pollutes the soil.



Soil pollution can poison water, which then poisons the food people and other animals eat.

