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- **Deforestation:** clearing or clearcutting of forests by humans.
- **Animal extinction:** dying out or extermination of animal species.
- **Air pollution:** a presence of toxic chemicals in the air, at levels that form a health risk.
- **Water pollution:** contamination of rivers, lakes, seas and oceans by chemical wastes, plastic, used water...
- **Drought:** absence of rain / a long period of dry weather.

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- **Acid rain:** rainfall from clouds contaminated by air pollution.
- **Global warming:** a gradual increase in the temperature of the earth's atmosphere because of carbon dioxide, CFCs, and other pollutants.
- **Desertification:** a process by which fertile land becomes desert, typically as a result of **drought**, deforestation, or inappropriate agriculture.
- **Loss of biodiversity:** losing variety in the number of species of plants and animals.

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