



# Vocabulary

**Deforestation**: The removal of a forest or stand of trees where the land is thereafter converted to a non forest use.

**Radiation**: The radiation in humans' natural environment, including cosmic rays and radiation from the naturally radioactive elements. Also known as natural radiation.

**Greenhouse effect**: The process by which the greenhouse gases in the Earth's atmosphere trap heat of the sun and prevents the Earth from freezing in the absence of sunlight'.

**Ecosystem**: An ecosystem is a community of organisms interacting with each other and with their environment

**Conserve**: To protect from loss or harm; preserve.

**Fossil fuels**: A hydrocarbon deposit, such as petroleum, coal, or natural gas, derived from living matter of a previous geologic time and used for fuel.

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