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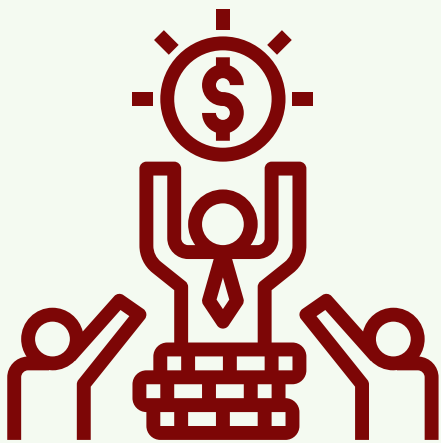
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Adaptation – the process of change by which an organism of species becomes better suited to its environment.

Alternative energy – energy from mere waste resources like water, sunlight, wind (solar panels, wind turbines, biomass energy, etc.).

Biodiversity conservation – the study of the conservation of nature and of Earth's diversity with the aim of protecting species.



Capitalism – an economic and political system in which a country's trade and industry are controlled by private owners for profits.

Coral bleaching – when a coral bleached, it is not dead but they are under more stress and are subject to mortality.

Deforestation – the action of clearing a wide area or trees.

Eco-friendly – not harmful to the environment.

Eco-tourism – a form of tourism marketed as responsible = travel to natural areas.

Eco-villages – a community where inhabitants seek to live in a way that has minimal impact on the environment.

Ecological friendly – the impact of a person or community on the environment expressed as the amount of land required to sustain their use of natural resources.

Emission – the production and discharge of something, especially gas or radiation.

Exploitation – the act of making use of and benefiting from resources.

Fast fashion – inexpensive clothes produced rapidly by mass-market retailers in response to the latest trends.

Fishing – the activity of catching fish, either for food or as a sport.

Food waste – food that is fit for consumption but consciously discarded at the retail or consumption phases.



Forest bathing – a Japanese practice, a process of relaxation amongst the trees.

Fossil fuels – materials such as coal, oil and natural gas, founded naturally in the Earth's atmosphere crust from the remains of dead plants and animals that is extracted and burned as a fuel.

Green economy – an economy that aims at reducing environmental risks and that aims for sustainable development.

Greenhouse effect – the way in which heat is trapped close to Earth's surface by "greenhouse gases".

Greenwashing – a false misleading or untrue action or set of claims made by an organization about the positive impact that a company, product or service has on the environment.

Grounding – the act of walking barefoot on the Earth whether it be sand, dirt or grass.

Intense farming – involves large inputs of labor/money relative to the size of the farmland.

Local products – food that is produced within a short distance of where it is consumed.



Littering – making (a place or an area) untidy with rubbish or a large number of objects left lying about.

Melting glaciers – a process where the ice changes from solid to liquid or water.

Melting of permafrost – the ice inside the permafrost melts, leaving behind water and soil.

Methane – colorless, odorless hydrocarbon gas that is the major component of material gas.

Net zero – a target of completely negating GHG produced by human activity.

Ocean acidification – a reductions in the pH of the ocean over an extended period of time, caused primarily by uptake of CO₂.

Ozone hole – a region of exceptionally depleted ozone in the stratosphere over the Antarctic that happens from August to October.

Plastic free – a product where both the content and the packaging have to be free of plastic.

Pollution – the introduction of harmful materials into the environment (smog, acid rain, plastic, etc.).

Recycle – convert waste into useable materials.

Resilience – the ability to recover from difficulties.

Separate waste – the process of dividing and sorting of garbage in an effort to reduce, reuse and recycle materials.

Smog – fog or haze intensified by smoke or other atmospheric pollutants (smoke + fog).

Sustainable – conserving an ecological balance by avoiding depletion of natural resources.

Trash – waste material.

