

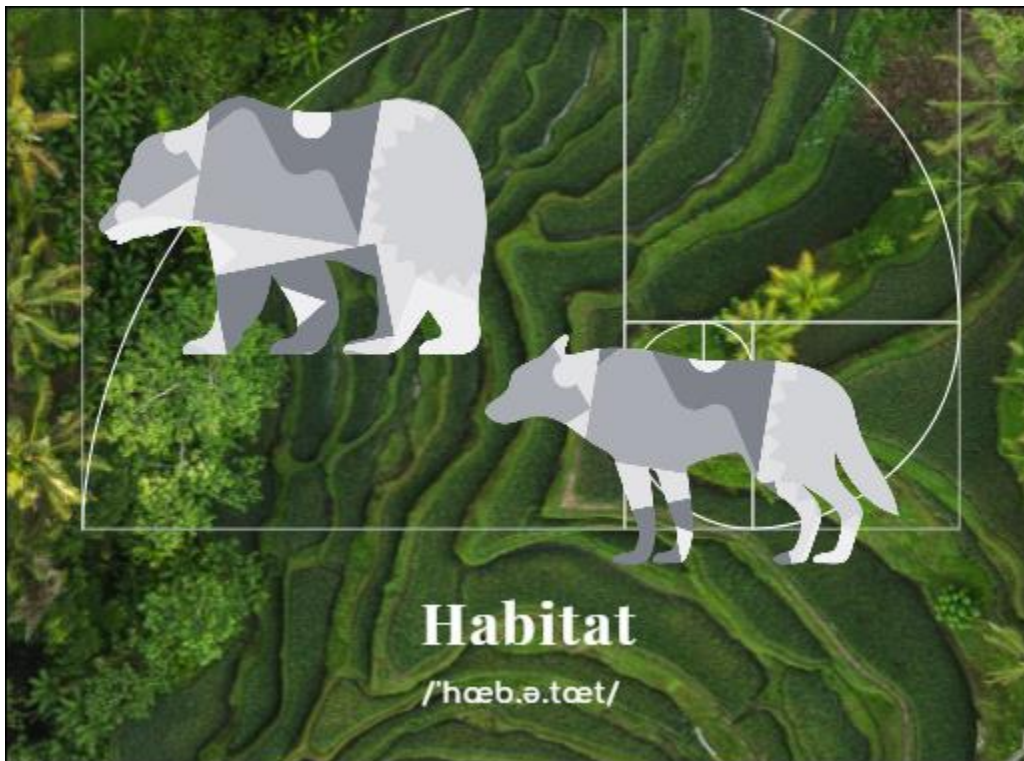
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## Environment Vocabulary

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### Nature.

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**Habitat** – the natural environment where an animal or plant lives.

#### COMMON COLLOCATIONS.

*natural habitat, wildlife habitat, threatened/endangered habitat, damage/destroy a habitat, conserve/protect a habitat, loss of habitat.*

*EX. I believe new measures are necessary to protect wildlife habitats.*



**Biodiversity** – the number and types of plants and animals in a specific area or in the world.

### COMMON COLLOCATIONS.

*biodiversity loss, biodiversity conservation, global biodiversity, preserve biodiversity.*

*EX. Biodiversity conservation plans should be a priority for governments around the world.*



**Ecosystem** – all the people, animals and plants living in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment.

### COMMON COLLOCATIONS.

*forest ecosystem, healthy ecosystem, maintain the ecosystem, benefit the ecosystem, damage the ecosystem, species in an ecosystem*

*EX. It is well known that commercial fishing can have a very negative impact on the ecosystem, yet little has been done to address this.*



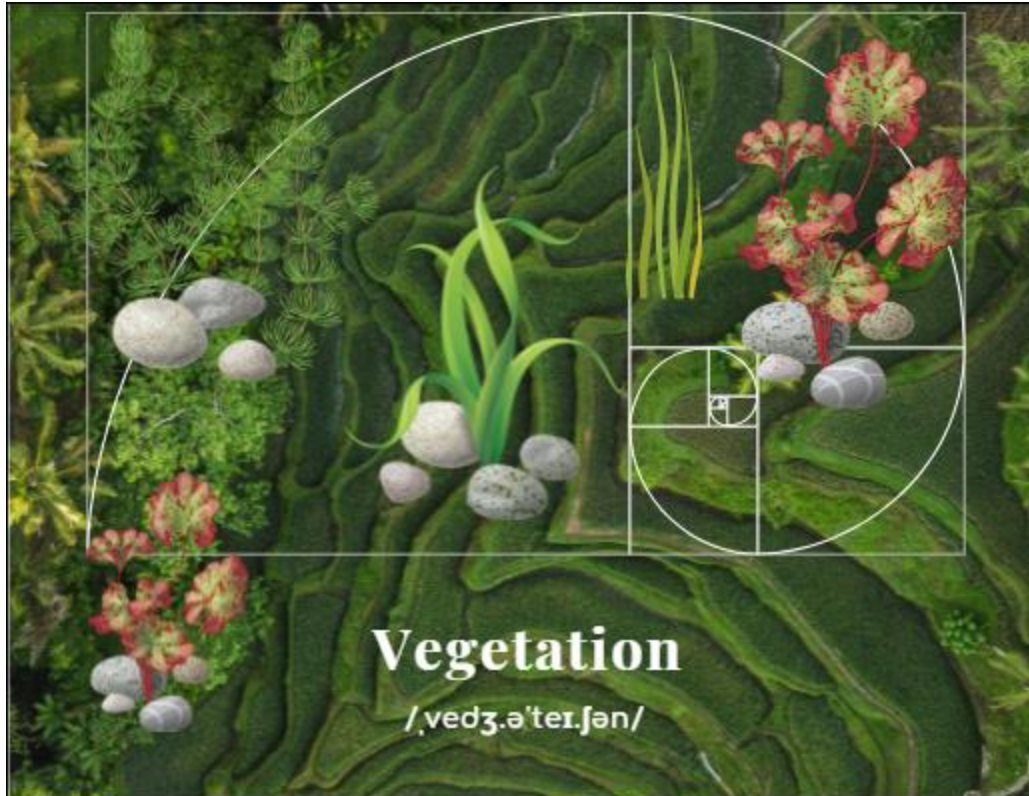


**Endangered species** – a type of plant or animal that might stop existing.

### COMMON COLLOCATIONS.

*save endangered species, critically endangered species.*

*EX. There are many organizations that are committed to saving endangered species.*



**Vegetation** – plants in general.

**COMMON COLLOCATIONS.**

*natural vegetation, green vegetation, dense/lush/thick vegetation, native vegetation, destroy the vegetation.*

*EX. The Costa Rican jungles are characterized by thick, green vegetation.*

**Environmental problems.**



**Global warming** – a gradual increase in the earth's temperature caused by gases surrounding the earth.

#### COMMON COLLOCATIONS.

*contribute to global warming, combat/fight/tackle global warming.*

*EX. We have to **fight global warming** before it's too late.*





**Pollute** – to make air, water or soil dirty.

### COMMON COLLOCATIONS

*pollute the environment, pollute the air/water/soil.*

*EX. If we continue to **pollute** our environment, our children and grandchildren will have to pay the consequences.*



**Deforestation** – the cutting down of trees in an area.

### COMMON COLLOCATIONS

*mass deforestation, illegal deforestation, reduce deforestation.*

*EX. Forest biodiversity is threatened by **mass deforestation** carried out around the world.*





**Climate change** – changes in the world’s weather, in particular an increase in temperature, caused by human activity.

### COMMON COLLOCATIONS

*the impacts/results of climate change, climate change talks, climate change sceptic/denier (someone who does not believe in climate change),*

*EX. Personally, I don’t think that climate change can do us any good.*



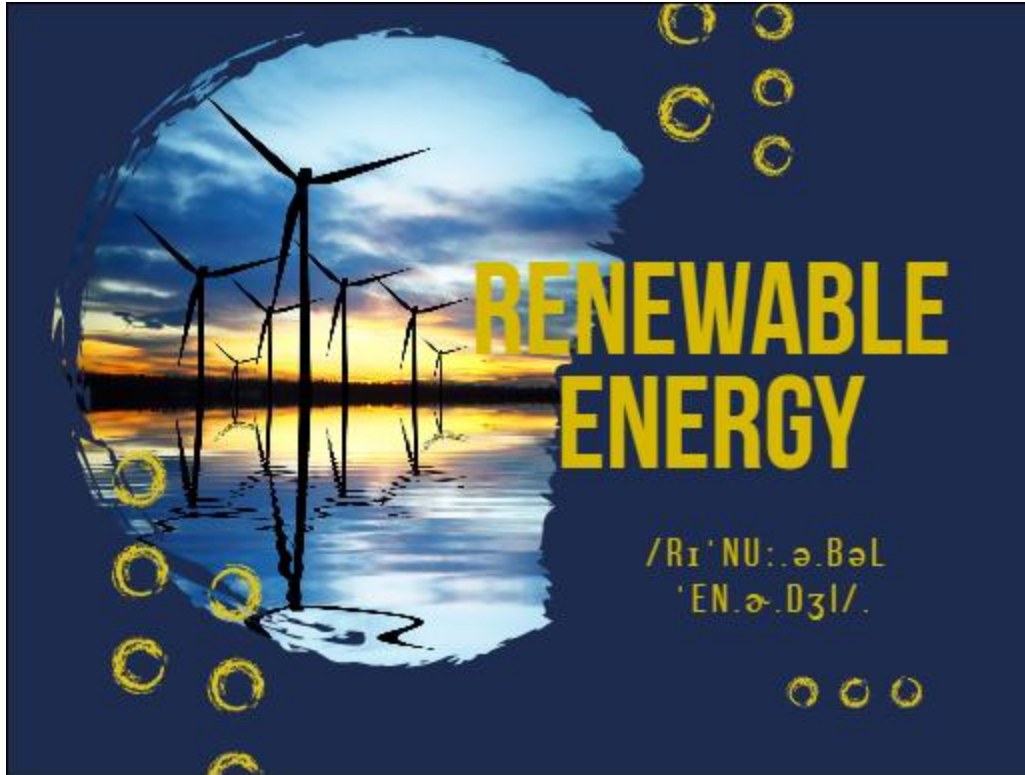
**Extinct** – no longer existing.

### COMMON COLLOCATIONS

*be extinct, become/go extinct, completely/totally extinct, almost/nearly/practically/virtually extinct.*

*Many species of plants and animals have become **extinct** due to human activity.*

## Protecting the environment.



**Renewable energy** – energy that is produced using natural resources such as the wind, sun, etc.

### COMMON COLLOCATIONS

*renewable energy industry, renewable energy projects/sources/technology, demand for renewable energy.*

**EX.** *The environmental benefits of renewable energy are countless.*





**Conservation** – the protection of animals, plants, natural areas and natural substances.

### COMMON COLLOCATIONS

wildlife conservation, energy conservation, water conservation, nature/environmental conservation, conservation area.

*EX. Energy conservation saves us money and helps the environment.*



**Veganism** – the practice of not eating or using animal products (e.g. meat, fish, eggs, etc.)

**COMMON COLLOCATIONS.**

*strict veganism.*

*I believe that veganism, clean energy and environmental conservation are the solution to climate change.*



**Environmentalism** – the study of or an interest in the environment and the belief that it must be protected from harmful human activity.

**COMMON COLLOCATIONS.**

*promote environmentalism*

EX. *Some believe that eco-tourism can promote environmentalism.*





**Recycle** – to sort and collect rubbish in order to treat it and produce useful materials that can be used again.

*EX. Shall I just throw this bottle away, or do you recycle?*

## Idioms related to the environment.

1. **to go green** – to change one's lifestyle to help protect the environment.

*EX. Grocery stores should **go green** by using paper bags instead of plastic.*

2. **to have a green thumb** – to have the ability to grow plants well.

EX. *My mother **has a green thumb** and grows most of the fruit and veggies she consumes.*

3. **to go solar** – to collect solar energy by using solar energy panels.

EX. *What many people don't know is that by **going solar**, they're also saving money.*

4. **reduce, reuse, recycle** – to encourage people to waste less and use things again to protect the environment.

EX. *The three R's – **reduce, reuse and recycle** – all help to cut down on the amount of waste we produce.*