

# ENVIRONMENTAL TRIVIA QUESTIONS



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1> In the United States, how many animals were on the threatened or endangered list as of 2009?

- a. 200
- b. 1,200
- c. 750
- d. 900

2> Drought is a term that you often hear when people are talking about the environment. What is a drought?

- a. Less rain
- b. More rain
- c. High winds
- d. Higher temperatures

3> What percentage of the world's water is drinkable?

- a. 20 Percent
- b. 1 Percent
- c. 60 Percent
- d. 100 Percent

4> There is a specific name for rain, which contains chemicals that are harmful to the environment. What is this type of rain called?

- a. Acid Rain
- b. Rain Pollution
- c. Chemical Rain
- d. Precipitation

5> If an item can decompose naturally, it is said to be this.

- a. Organic
- b. Renewable
- c. Biodegradable
- d. Environmentally toxic

6> Currently, the United States as a nation uses the most energy per annum. Which country comes in second?

- a. Great Britain
- b. Japan
- c. China
- d. Germany

7> The amount of energy that is saved for every 1000 pounds of aluminum cans recycled is equivalent to how many gallons of gasoline?

- a. 250 gallons
- b. 500 gallons
- c. 1,250 gallons
- d. 100 gallons

8> Which of the following gases contributes to the effects of global warming?

- a. All of these
- b. Carbon dioxide
- c. Nitrous oxide
- d. Methane

9> DDT was once a common insecticide. However, it has been determined that it is incredibly harmful to the planet. Exactly, what does DDT affect?

- a. Water and air
- b. Water and soil
- c. Soil and air
- d. Air and crops

10> Soil erosion can have devastating effects on the planet. Erosion can be

reversed by doing what?

- a. Re-introducing certain animal species
- b. Reforestation
- c. Increasing the number of animals in the region
- d. Fertilizing the soil

11> Littering and garbage removal is a major environmental concern. Which country was the first to implement a garbage removal system?

- a. Germany
- b. Great Britain
- c. United States
- d. Japan

12> In Canada, where temperatures are often cold, the average person does what with their car for five to ten minutes every day?

- a. Idles it
- b. Washes it
- c. Drives it
- d. Parks it

13> Fresh water is essential to life on the planet. Which country hosts the largest amount of fresh water?

- a. Brazil
- b. Russia
- c. Canada
- d. Kenya

14> What kind of animal is essential to more than 100,000 different species of plants?

- a. Spiders
- b. Bees
- c. Birds
- d. Frogs

15> Air pollution is on the rise. Scientists are able to monitor this increase using which kind of plant?

- a. Giant Red woods
- b. Lichen
- c. Mushrooms
- d. Palm Trees

**Answers:**

- 1> 1,200 - These animals include the Stellar Sea Lion, The Mexican Long Nosed Bat and the North American Cougar.
- 2> Less rain - The dictionary defines a drought as being a prolonged period of dry weather. These conditions will damage crops and can upset the region's ecosystem.
- 3> 1 Percent - Almost all the planet's water is either salt water or is frozen.
- 4> Acid Rain - Acid rain is rain that has a low pH level. Since the mid seventies, factories all over the world are attempting to reduce their release of sulphur dioxide into the atmosphere.
- 5> Biodegradable - A substance that has to be recycled or requires special processing is non-biodegradable.
- 6> China - United States uses 5 percent more energy than china in a year.
- 7> 1,250 gallons - The equivalent of 4,730 litres.
- 8> All of these - Carbon dioxide is the most destructive according to many sources.
- 9> Water and soil - Hungary was the country to ban the use of this chemical. They did so in 1968.
- 10> Reforestation - Soil erosion can lead to drought and barren unproductive land.
- 11> Great Britain - London was the first city in the world to have their trash systematically removed. They began this practice in the 15th century.
- 12> Idles it - Simply turning off your car when is not moving can have a huge impact on reducing the amount of carbon dioxide.
- 13> Canada - Canada has access to five of the largest freshwater lakes in the world, including Superior, Huron and the Great Slave Lake.
- 14> Bees - It has been estimated that if the bees were to disappear, more than 100, 000 kinds of pants would soon follow. Bees help to pollinate plants.
- 15> Lichen - Lichen is extremely sensitive to air pollution. Lichen are able to survive in some of the most extreme environments on the planet.