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TIPS FOR SAVING OUR PLANET AND IMPROVING OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

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Nowadays our lives have changed a lot after the massive technological development, the aftermaths of two World Wars and the environmental disasters. Therefore, how can we change the quality of our lives and after all change and improve our world?

How can we make our world more ecologically friendly? First of all, the governments have to raise people's awareness by organizing raising awareness campaigns to promote recycling, increase recycling bins in every city and reward citizens who recycle. Also, we should preserve forests as protected areas and create conservation areas for endangered species. Last but not least, we can install signs that remind people not to pollute the sea and beaches with rubbish.

Some other issues that worry us today are poverty and education. The governments of developed countries can take initiatives to send money, food and medicine to help underdeveloped countries. We can also help by informing the public about countries with poverty and hunger issues and organize events like concerts to raise money for charities, which should also support underdeveloped countries. As far as education is concerned, we should increase funding for education and school buildings equipment. We must also have debates with experts, teachers, parents and students to talk about problems that concern them like how an eco-school works effectively.

To conclude our planet faces some serious problems and we have to change the present alarming situation by making an effort each one of us individually in little everyday things to achieve it. How can we accomplish real improvement? Only if we are all willing and committed to work together towards that direction!



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HOW TO ESTABLISH ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

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Nowadays, people do not care about the environment, waste energy and do not respect their natural heritage. There are several actions people can take to save and protect the environment, though.

First of all, school buildings should become more environmentally friendly and the educational authorities should make efforts to sensitize students and raise their awareness on ecological matters. For instance, students could turn off the lights every time they leave a class. Moreover, the central heating must be turned off when students do not attend a lesson. In addition, the elevators should be used only in case of students with mobility difficulties. Besides, students and teachers should recycle batteries, paper, plastic and glass.

There are also a number of initiatives that every person can take. Firstly, we should reduce the use of cars and motorbikes. We can ride a bike or go on foot instead. Furthermore, we should recycle all materials that can be recycled and not throw rubbish in the streets. What is more, we need to save energy at home by turning off the lights and avoid using the air conditions and electrical appliances unnecessarily.

To sum up, there are several actions we need to implement in our school and at home to protect the environment. Only if we all try together can we save the planet and make this world a better place to live.



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