

environment[in'vai(ə)rənmənt]*n*

1. 1) окружающая обстановка, окружение; среда
one's home environment - семейная обстановка, домашнее окружение
moral environment - моральная атмосфера моральный климат
- 2) окружающая среда
human environment - среда обитания человека
- 3) *спец.* среда, стихия (*вода и т. п.*)
ending nuclear weapon tests in all environments - прекращение испытаний ядерного оружия в любой среде
- 4) *вчт.* (командная) среда
2. *геол.* фация
3. *театр.* произведение искусства (*особ.* драматического), вовлекающее зрителей в действие; спектакль с участием зрителей
4. *эк. проф.* конъюнктура

environment

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en·vir·on·ment AW [environment environments] BrE [in'vaɪrənmənt] ^u NAmE[in'vaɪrənmənt] ^u noun

1. **countable, uncountable** the conditions that affect the behaviour and development of sb/sth; the physical conditions that sb/sth exists in
 - a pleasant **working/learning environment**
 - An unhappy **home environment** can affect a child's behaviour
 - They have created an environment in which productivity should flourish.
 - the political environment
 - tests carried out in a controlled environment
2. **the environment** **singular** the natural world in which people, animals and plants live
 - the Department of the Environment
 - measures to protect the environment
 - pollution of the environment
 - damage to the environment
3. **countable** (**computing**) the complete structure within which a user, computer or program operates
 - a desktop development environment

Thesaurus:**environment** noun

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- a pleasant working environment

setting • **surroundings** • **background** • |**written backdrop** • |**formal milieu** •

in an environment/a setting/surroundings/a milieu

the/sb/sth's **natural** environment/setting/surroundings/backdrop/milieu

provide/create (a/an) environment/setting/surroundings/backdrop/backdrop/milieu

2. **the environment** **sing.**

- products that are harmful to the environment

nature • **the natural world** • **the wild** • **ecosystem** • **life** • **wildlife** •

in the environment/nature/the wild/an ecosystem

protect the environment/the natural world/...life/wildlife

damage the environment/...life/wildlife

Collocations:**The environment***Environmental damage*

cause/contribute to climate change/global warming

produce pollution/CO2/greenhouse (gas) emissions

damage /destroy the environment/a marine ecosystem/the ozone layer/coral reefs

degrade ecosystems/habitats/the environment

harm the environment/wildlife/marine life

threaten natural habitats/coastal ecosystems/a species with extinction

deplete natural resources/the ozone layer

pollute rivers and lakes/waterways/the air/the atmosphere/the environment/oceans

contaminate groundwater/the soil/food/crops

log forests/rainforests/trees

Protecting the environment

address/combat/tackle the threat/effects/impact of climate change
fight/take action on/reduce/stop global warming
limit/curb/control air/water/atmospheric/environmental pollution
cut/reduce pollution/greenhouse gas emissions
offset carbon/CO2 emissions
reduce (the size of) your carbon footprint
achieve/promote sustainable development
preserve/conserve biodiversity/natural resources
protect endangered species/a coastal ecosystem
prevent/stop soil erosion/overfishing/massive deforestation/damage to ecosystems
raise awareness of environmental issues
save the planet/the rainforests/an endangered species

Energy and resources

conserve/save/consume/waste energy
manage/exploit/be rich in natural resources
dump/dispose of hazardous/toxic/nuclear waste
dispose of/throw away litter/(especially BrE) rubbish/(especially NAmE) garbage/(NAmE) trash/sewage
use/be made from recycled/recyclable/biodegradable material
recycle bottles/packaging/paper/plastic/waste
promote/encourage recycling/sustainable development/the use of renewable energy
develop/invest in/promote renewable energy
reduce your dependence/reliance on fossil fuels
get/obtain/generate/produce electricity from wind, solar and wave power/renewable sources
build/develop a (50-megawatt/offshore) wind farm
install/be fitted with/be powered by solar panels

Synonyms:

environment

setting • surroundings • background

These are all words for the type of place in which sb/sth exists or is situated.

environment • the conditions in a place that affect the behaviour and development of sb/sth: ▪ An unhappy ▪ home environment ▪ can affect children's behaviour ◇ ▪ a pleasant ▪ working environment

setting • a place or situation or a particular type, in which sth happens or exists: ▪ The island provided an idyllic setting for the concert.

surroundings • everything that is around or near sb/sth: ▪ The huts blend in perfectly with their surroundings.

background • the things or area behind or around the main objects or people that are in a place or picture: ▪ The mountains in the background were capped with snow.

in (a/an) environment/setting/surroundings

(a/an) **new/unfamiliar** environment/setting/surroundings

sb/sth's **immediate** environment/surroundings

(a) **dramatic** setting/background

Example Bank:

- A comfortable working environment will increase productivity.
- Children learn best in their home environment
- Cold-blooded animals depend on the temperature of their immediate environment
- In today's competitive business environment, companies focus on minimizing costs.
- Investors are showing more caution in the current economic environment
- She now had to transfer her design skills to a commercial environment
- The cat walked around, exploring its new environment
- The government should do more to protect the environment
- The hospital architect tries to create an environment conducive to healing.
- The label identifies the products that are least harmful to the environment
- This period provided a favourable environment for the spread of communism.
- Walkers can unwittingly damage the fragile environment in which the birds live.
- an environment for economic growth
- an environment of fear
- creatures that have adapted to hostile desert environments
- factors that have a huge impact on the environment
- farming methods that minimize damage to the environment
- industries which damage the environment
- marine life in its natural environment
- parents who strive to provide a stimulating environment for their children to grow up in
- people working in increasingly competitive environments
- the amount of carbon in the environment
- the quality of our natural and built environments
- An unhappy home environment can affect children's behaviour
- For many, school seemed to be a hostile environment
- It didn't take long for them to adapt to the new environment

- Pets may be unsettled in an unfamiliar environment
- The quality of the learning environment is vital to children's education.
- The tests were carried out in a controlled environment
- They've created an environment in which productivity can flourish.
- We aim to provide a pleasant working environment

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en **vi** **ron** **ment** **S1** **W1** **AC** /ɪn'vaɪrənmənt *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun*

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑environment, ↑environmentalist; **adverb**: ↑environmentally; **adjective**: ↑environmental]

[Date: 1600-1700; Origin: environ 'to surround' (14-21 centuries), from Old French environer, from environ 'around', from viron 'circle']

1. **the environment** the air, water, and land on Earth, which is affected by man's activities:

- " Some of these chemicals are very damaging to the environment.
- " legislation to protect the environment
- " the effects of acid rain on the environment
- " the government minister for the environment

2. [**uncountable and countable**] the people and things that are around you in your life, for example the buildings you use, the people you live or work with, and the general situation you are in:

- " The company had failed to provide a safe environment for its workers.

3. [**countable**] the natural features of a place, for example its weather, the type of land it has, and the type of plants that grow in it ⇒

habitat:

- " a forest environment
- " a very adaptable creature that will eat different foods in different environments

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ verbs

- **protect the environment** We need to take drastic steps to protect the environment.
- **conserve the environment** *formal* (=protect it and prevent it from changing or being damaged) People need to live in harmony with nature and conserve the environment.
- **harm/damage the environment** The government insists that the dam will not harm the environment.
- **destroy the environment** We need to find ways of producing energy without destroying the environment.
- **pollute the environment** Nuclear waste will pollute the environment for centuries.
- **clean up the environment** It's about time that we started cleaning up the environment.

■ adjectives

- **the natural environment** Current methods of farming are damaging the natural environment.
- **the marine environment** (=the sea and the creatures that live there) Fish farming poses a threat to the marine environment.

■ phrases

- **be good/bad for the environment** Plastic bags are bad for the environment.
- **be harmful to the environment** Emissions from cars are harmful to the environment.
- **protection of the environment** In developing countries, protection of the environment is not a primary concern.
- **conservation of the environment** There are many organizations dedicated to conservation of the environment.
- **damage/harm to the environment** A lot of chemicals used in industry cause harm to the environment.
- **the destruction of the environment** Logging has led to the destruction of the natural environment.
- **pollution of the environment** The waste material must be stored safely to avoid pollution of the environment.
- **the effect/impact on the environment** The building's design will minimize its impact on the environment.

■ COMMON ERRORS

- ▶ Do not say '*hurt the environment*'. Say **harm the environment** or **damage the environment**.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + environment

- **the physical environment** (=the place where you live or work, including buildings, furniture etc) Improvements to the physical environment range from removing graffiti to planting trees.
- **the immediate environment** (=the building in which you live or work, and the area very close to it) Most accidents happen to young children within the immediate environment of their home.
- **a safe environment** The playground provides a safe environment for children.
- **a stable environment** (=without any big changes) They argued that being married helps provide a stable environment for bringing up children.
- **a friendly/pleasant environment** The restaurant offers a stylish and friendly environment with first-class service.
- **a clean/dirty environment** People who live in a very clean environment may have a lower immunity to germs.
- **a competitive environment** Our business has to operate in an increasingly competitive environment.
- **a working/learning environment** Most people prefer a quiet working environment.
- **the home/domestic/family environment** A lot of children suffer because of problems in their home environment.
- **the economic environment** The economic environment has changed, and many countries are sliding into recession.
- **the business environment** In today's fast-moving business environment, companies must be flexible.
- **the political environment** Ministers are having to make these decisions in a difficult political environment.
- **the cultural/social environment** Changes in the cultural environment affect people's attitudes and values.

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- **the environment** the air, water, and land on Earth, which is affected by man's activities: We need to do more to protect the environment. | How much does air travel damage the environment?

- **ecosystem** *technical* all the animals and plants that exist in a place, considered as a single system with parts that depend on each other: the island's fragile ecosystem | The rapid decline in the number of great sharks is disrupting the marine ecosystem.
- **habitat** the natural home of an animal or plant: The tree can grow to be 120 feet tall in its natural habitat.
- **the biosphere** *technical* the Earth's surface and atmosphere where animals and plants can live: Scientists are monitoring changes in the global biosphere.
- **ecology** the scientific study of the way in which the animals, plants, and natural features of a place affect and depend on each other: She's studying marine ecology.
- **green** *adjective [only before noun]* relating to the environment or to protecting the environment: Voters are becoming more concerned about green issues. | The party is keen to demonstrate its green credentials (=show that it thinks the environment is important).
- **eco-** *prefix* relating to the environment and protecting the environment: eco-friendly products (=which do not harm the environment) | eco-tourism (=which does not harm the environment) | eco-warrior (=someone who protests to try to save the environment) | eco-sensitive land (=where the environment is easily damaged)

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 3)

■ adjectives

- **a coastal/desert/mountain etc environment** The storm caused significant damage to the coastal environment.
- **an inhospitable/harsh environment** (=one where the conditions make life difficult) The freezing climate makes this one of the most inhospitable environments on the planet.
- **a hostile environment** (=with many difficulties and dangers) It is difficult to see how anything can survive in such a hostile environment.
- **a fragile environment** (=easily damaged or destroyed) Many people are worried about the impact of tourism on the region's fragile environment.

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