

Simple ways that we could use to Protect the Environment

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Environmental pollution has greatly affected Earth by now, as we all know. We are constantly told to **recycle, reuse** and **reduce** but how many of us actually think about it? It might be true that we all care for the environment and some of us try our best to protect it but in this vast developing world where most people are very busy, it is easy to forget that our environment is rapidly changing.

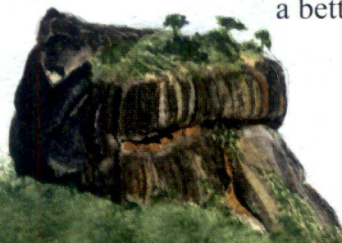
A few days ago, I happened to see a cow having a polythene bag for a snack. This innocent animal could have easily suffocated because polythene cannot be digested. I also often see crows carrying bits of wire to build their nests. These unfortunate events made me think. Lots of people carelessly throw out things like sweet wrappers, shopping bags, yoghurt cups, empty plastic water bottles etc. into the streets or pavements without thinking of the future. This not only causes pollution but can also lead to dengue breeding.

It is true that we cannot stop giant factories from going on or stop using vehicles but let us start from the little mistakes we do. As children, even though we like to have fashionable things, we can make a start by reusing our old school bags.

This would reduce the number of school bags needed to be produced by factories. If you are interested in sewing, you could sew some cloth bags to take when you go shopping. This would reduce the number of polythene bags used and it will also be able to be used again and again. We could also make creative stuff like pen holders, picture frames, greeting cards and ornaments by recycling items such as cardboard boxes, old newspapers, empty toilet paper rolls and eggshells that we normally throw away. This is **eco-friendly** and very enjoyable and fun at the same time.

We can also make our own compost at home and use it by planting lots of plants. It could be flowers, vegetables, fruits anything you like. A beautiful garden can make your home look interesting and it helps the environment a lot as well.

I am sure many of you have learned about various ways to help protect the nature by reading newspapers, books, magazines or by television, radio and even school. But the important thing is actually doing them. My message to all of you is to try your best to prevent environmental pollution today to face a better tomorrow.



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