

## Pollution – An Acrostic Poem

### Glossary

Word	Definition
litter bug	someone who litters (throws their rubbish on the ground rather than the bin)
landfill	burying rubbish in big piles rather than recycling it
hedgerow	a hedge of wild plants which borders a field or road

### Vocabulary Starter

Word	Definition
chainsaw	
over-fishing	

1 We use the suffix 'ing' to show something is happening now. How many 'ing' words can you spot? \_\_\_\_\_

2 Circle the correct answer.

The poet thinks these actions are happening in the

past

present

future

3 The poet says that litter bugs are 'swarming our streets'. What do you think this means?

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4 Which word tells you that car fumes and factory smoke travel slowly?

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Why are the oceans struggling to breathe?

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Why do you think the poet describes the landfill as 'giants growing fatter and fatter'?

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Look at the following words. Circle the ones which describe the colour grey.

bright	dark	healthy
unhealthy	happy	exciting
sad	scary	miserable

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Why are the seas described as being empty? Is this a good or a bad thing?

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Why do you think the poet uses 'we' not 'you' in the final line?

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Extension  
activity

Trees are crying out because \_\_\_\_\_

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There are things we can do to help but \_\_\_\_\_

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Let's act now so \_\_\_\_\_

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