

# PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS FOR THE PLANET

Earth Day brings attention to a large number of **issues** such as :

- The air quality
- The pollution of the ocean
- Climate change and global warming
- The melting of the polar ice cap and other natural disasters (**floods, drought**, hurricanes)
- The reduction of the Earth's natural resources
- The **endangered** animals and plant species
- The deforestation

Earth Day encourages humans to **lead** collective actions to protect the Planet such as :

- work together to build a united global movement of consumers, voters, educators, and scientists to demand immediate action
- Educate and **raise awareness**
- **Encourage** individual actions

There are many individual actions that may be done in our everyday life for a cleaner Planet:

- When you go to the supermarket, you should use your own shopping bag **instead of** using plastic bags. You will **reduce** the **amount** of plastic
- Do no **print out** so many documents
- You shouldn't leave lights, TV or computers on when you're not using them. You'll be reducing energy.
- **Sort out** your **rubbish** into different categories (cans, plastic, papers, organic waste). By using them, you will **avoid** contaminating nature, rivers, seas and the atmosphere.
- **Reuse** instead of **throwing away**.
- Use public transports
- **Turn off** the **tap** while you brush your teeth

## Vocabulary

<b>issue</b> : problème	<b>amount</b> : montant/quantité
<b>flood</b> : inondation	<b>print out</b> : imprimer
<b>drought</b> : sécheresse	<b>sort out</b> : trier
<b>endangered</b> : en danger	<b>rubbish/trash</b> : déchets
<b>lead</b> : mener	<b>avoid</b> : éviter de (+ verbe en ING)
<b>encourage</b> : encourager	<b>reuse</b> : réutiliser
<b>raise awareness</b> : faire prendre conscience	<b>throw away</b> : jeter
<b>instead of</b> : au lieu de (+ verbe en ING)	<b>turn off</b> : éteindre
<b>reduce</b> : réduire	<b>tap</b> : robinet