

Grade 8 English Home Language Worksheet

Bias in language usage

Read the text below and explain:

1. What does this speaker think are the problems to be found in the environment? (5)
2. Describe the speaker's attitude to the environment. Support your answer by discussing the text. (5)

There really isn't anything I can do to improve my environment. I mean, I pick up the odd piece of litter at school, but what can I do about the big picture – global warming? Air pollution? Cutting down the rain forests? I mean, this is HUGE. I can't do anything.

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Suggested Solutions

1. There are small problems✓ like litter,✓ but there are also big problems ✓such as global warming,✓ air pollution ✓and deforestation.✓ Any FIVE points (5)
2. The speaker is concerned ✓about the environment to some extent: she does see the need to “improve” the environment.✓ However, she feels helpless;✓ she keeps repeating that there is nothing she can do.✓ She talks about how big the problem is ✓– and implies that she is little and weak. She sees herself as ineffectual and powerless.✓ Any FIVE points (5)

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