

# Vocabulary #8

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Deforestation	The action or process of clearing a wide area of trees.
Overgrazing	To graze the land to excess, which damages the environment
Overharvesting	Taking more from the land or sea than can be replaced: Examples: farming and fishing.

Urbanization	The increasing number of people that live in city areas.
Sustainability	The avoidance of the depletion of natural resources in order to maintain an ecological balance.
Nuclear Fission	A nuclear reaction in which an atom splits to form smaller atoms with the release of energy.
Geothermal	Relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; Example: volcanic activity

Uranium	A chemical element that is naturally radioactive; used as main fuel for nuclear reactors and atomic bombs.
Biomass	Material, primarily used as fuel, from organic material
Fossil fuel	A fuel such as coal, oil, or natural gas formed in the earth from plant or animal remains.