

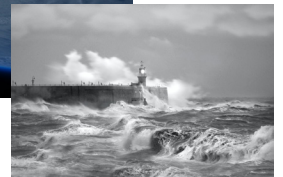
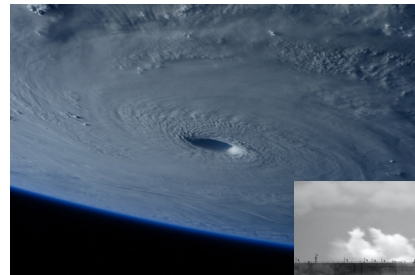
10 The Environment

For most of human history, people didn't think much about the limits of nature. It seemed there would always be enough water, trees, fish, animals and natural **resources**. Since the Industrial Revolution, the world population has increased and people have used or polluted more and more resources such as forests, water, and soil. After Rachel Carlson wrote *Silent Spring* in 1962, the environmental **movement** began. The book helped people see the dangers of **pollution**. In particular, Carlson wrote that **agricultural** chemicals were poisoning the land. In response, in 1964 the U.S. made a law to stop water pollution. Today, environmental groups promote ecology, animal rights, and other issues. Environmentalists promote a way of life that is **sustainable**. At the present pace, we will someday run out of oil and other resources, and pollution and climate change could make life on earth difficult.

Check the above bold words and read the paragraph. Challenge words are in red.



endangered
extinct
habitat
climate change
drought
desertification



ecosystem
species
coral reefs
poverty
buckets
crisis



sustainable
agriculture
desertification
spray
pollination
pesticide

