

Exploring Online Forums



Question: Which form of pollution affects us the most?



Joey, 15



In my opinion, noise pollution has to be the most serious. I often struggle to fall asleep at night due to the loud sounds around me. It's seriously affecting my quality of life.



Jackie, 16



I believe that light pollution is the worst. I went camping in Sai Kung last weekend, and I couldn't see a single star in the sky! It was shocking!



Joyce, 13



I agree with Jackie. Other cities have laws controlling the amount of outdoor lighting allowed. The government needs to do something!





Jenny, 14

I think air pollution is the most damaging because we breathe in dangerous chemicals. This can cause severe health problems and even death. How scary!



Lisa, 16

It's definitely air pollution. We're exposed to harmful air every day. We can't avoid breathing! It's not just a problem in Hong Kong either but all around the world.



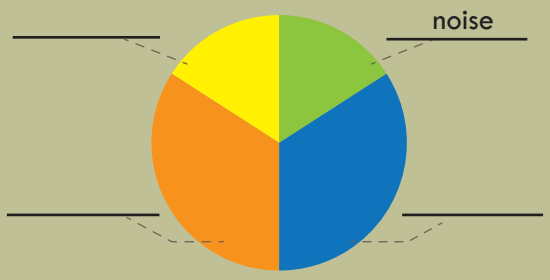
Victoria, 17

What about the harmful effects of water pollution? Polluted water has widespread effects on humans and also marine life. So many marine animals are endangered. It's really tragic!



Six teenagers have expressed their views about pollution on this online forum. The pie-chart below is a summary of their answers. Label the diagram with the names of the forms of pollution:

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A Volunteer's View

News reporter: Good morning, Mr Lee. Could you tell us a bit about your work?

Mr Lee: Good morning! I volunteer for a local charity that organises beach clean-ups around Hong Kong every weekend.

News reporter: What a great service to the community! What motivated you to start?

Mr Lee: I love being outdoors, especially at the beach. However, the pollution in Hong Kong can make going outside unpleasant.

News reporter: I agree with you! The beaches near my home are very dirty.

Mr Lee: Exactly! People in Hong Kong use too much single-use plastic. This rubbish, like straws, plastic bags and takeaway cutlery, ends up in the ocean and on our beaches.

News reporter: What can citizens do to help?

Mr Lee: There are very basic things that people can do. Try bringing your own set of chopsticks to school or work every day. Recycling, saying no to single-use plastic and joining our beach clean-ups are also great ways to help!



News reporter: Do you think that these small, individual efforts can make a difference?

Mr Lee: Absolutely! Our pollution problems won't be solved in a day, but if we all make an effort, we can help. Let's all raise awareness and encourage others to get involved. We can also encourage the government and big companies to help. They can take action to reduce plastic use in a huge way.

News reporter: Thank you for your time and recommendations. I do hope that our viewers will follow your good advice!

HK Cleanup is a government-supported group that organises beach clean-ups of the shores around Hong Kong. With the help of over 350,000 participants, they have cleaned up over 22,000,000kg of rubbish! Look up their website to learn more about their work. Perhaps you can join in as well!