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Care for the Environment

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The environment is everything around us: the air, the water, the land, the plants and the animals. We care for ourselves by eating well, bathing and keeping our clothes clean. We must care for the environment too.

AFTER THESE NOTES YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO

- Say why a clean environment is important
- Name ways to care for the environment
- Sort waste and use bins
- Do small things every day to care for the environment

KEY WORDS

Environment	Everything around us.
Litter	Waste thrown on the ground.
Waste	Things we throw away.

1 Why we care

A clean environment helps to prevent diseases. It keeps our homes, schools and communities clean and safe. It also helps animals and plants live happily.

Think about how you help at home to keep the environment clean.

2 Ways to care for the environment

We can plant trees and flowers and water them. We can pick up litter and put waste in the right place. We can sweep classrooms and the area around them.

We must avoid open defecation and avoid burning waste. We can save water and electricity by turning off taps when we are not using them.

Do	Do not
Plant and water trees and flowers	Litter the ground
Throw waste in the dustbin	Burn waste
Sweep the classroom and surroundings	Practise open defecation
Turn off taps when not in use	Waste water

Figure 1. Ways to care for the environment

3 Small things every day

Throw waste in the dustbin. Turn off taps. Help to plant trees in your community.

When we work together to care for the environment, we make the Earth a better place for us and for the next generations.

TRY THIS

Help to sweep your classroom or yard and put the rubbish in a bin. Tell your family one thing you did to care for the environment.

REMEMBER

- A clean environment helps prevent diseases
- We can plant trees, pick up litter and sweep
- We must avoid open defecation and burning waste
- We can save water and electricity
- Small things every day make a big difference

? Check yourself

1. Why is a clean environment important.
2. Name one way to care for the environment.
3. What should we do with a tap that is not in use.
4. What two things should we avoid.

5. After break, Mwamba sees sweet wrappers on the school ground. His friends walk past. (a) What is this waste called. (b) What should Mwamba do. (c) Why is it important.
6. Chanda's class is given seedlings and told to plant them near the school. She is asked to explain why. (a) Name what they will plant. (b) What must they do after planting. (c) Who does this help.

ANSWERS

1. It prevents diseases and keeps us safe.
2. Plant trees, pick up litter, sweep, or put waste in the dustbin.
3. Turn it off.
4. Open defecation and burning waste.
5. (a) Litter. (b) Pick it up and put it in the dustbin. (c) It keeps the school clean and prevents diseases.
6. (a) Trees or flowers. (b) Water them. (c) Plants, animals and people.

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