

ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

Rewrite these sentences from the active to the passive. Use the prepositions in parentheses to indicate the cause.

1. The disposal of dangerous chemicals into the water is polluting rivers and lakes. (through)

Rivers and lakes are being polluted through the disposal of dangerous chemicals into the water.

2. Oil spills are harming birds and fish. (by)

3. Livestock farms are contaminating the soil. (because of)

4. The cutting down of rain forests is destroying rare plants. (due to)

5. Pollution from factories is contaminating the air in urban areas. (as a result of)

LOCAL PROBLEMS

A What environmental problems exist in your city or town? How can they be solved? Complete the chart.

Problem	Solution
too much garbage	recycle

B PAIR WORK Compare your charts.

A: One problem is too much garbage is being produced.

B: What can be done about it?

A: Well, one way to change things is to recycle more.