

Language summary

Grammar

Quantifiers

Quantifiers with count nouns	Quantifiers with noncount nouns
There are too many plastic bottles in the ocean. There aren't enough hybrid cars. We should use fewer plastic bags. People should use more steel water bottles.	Big cars use too much gas. We don't recycle enough trash. People should use less electricity. We should try to conserve more energy.

- *Too* means that we have more than we need or want.
- *Not enough* is the opposite of *too*, and it means that we need or want more of something.
- Use *more* and *not enough* with both plural count nouns and noncount nouns.
- Use *fewer* and *too many* with plural count nouns.
- Use *less* and *too much* with noncount nouns.

First conditional

If clause + simple present	Main clause + <i>will</i> / <i>may</i> / <i>might</i> / <i>could</i>
If I use less gas, If people recycle more, If we don't stop global warming, If they grow their own food,	I'll save money. there will be less trash in landfills. we may have severe weather. they could save a lot of money.

- Use a comma after the *if* clause (the condition).

Main clause + <i>will</i> / <i>may</i> / <i>might</i> / <i>could</i>	If + simple present
I'll save money There will be less trash in landfills We may have severe weather They could save a lot of money	if I use less gas. if people recycle more. if we don't stop global warming. if they grow their own food.

- Don't use a comma after the main clause.
- Use *may*, *might*, or *could* in the main clause when you're less certain about the results.

Yes / no questions	Short answers Affirmative	Short answers Negative
Will there be enough landfill space if we don't reduce trash?	Yes, there will .	No, there won't .
Will we need less oil if we develop more electric cars?	Yes, we will .	No, we won't .

Wh- questions

What	will happen if we don't stop global warming?
What	will we do if the pollution gets worse?

- Use first conditional sentences to describe real future possibilities.

Vocabulary

Environmental impacts

e-waste
global warming
hybrid car
nuclear energy
organic food
plastic bags
pollution
recycling bin
solar energy
wind farm

Tips to help the environment

Buy local food.
Fix leaky faucets.
Grow your own food.
Pay bills online.
Take public transportation.
Use a clothesline.
Use cloth shopping bags.
Use rechargeable batteries.

Functions

Giving an approximate answer

I'd say about . . .
I'd say maybe . . .
Probably . . .

Avoiding answering

I'd rather not say.
I'd prefer not to say.
I'd rather not answer that.