

Goal
You research facts about the environment during the pandemic online.
You know how the pandemic is affecting the environment.

Language Learning Goal
You can summarize the researched information and present it in a short video or talk.
You react to others' presentations and offer your opinion.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTS DURING THE PANDEMIC

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our lives have looked different. There have been many restrictions, people have had to spend quite a bit of time at home and have less contact with each other.

How has this global change in our behavior affected the environment?

YOUR ASSIGNMENTS

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ENVIRONMENT DURING THE PANDEMIC: WHAT HAS CHANGED?

What could have changed in terms of the environment since the pandemic began?
You can ask your friends, family or teachers what they think or know.
Also think about what has changed in this regard in your normal everyday life.

For example:

- People travel less
- Fewer CO₂-Emissions



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Talk about these topics in groups with students from your class.
Write down here what you find interesting and what you would like to research.

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Now select a few ideas from the previous exercise and research them in the media.
What exactly has improved or deteriorated in your region / in your country / in general?
Here are a few examples:



<https://www.ardmediathek.de/hr/video/alles-wissen/wie-corona-die-umwelt-beeinflusst/hr-fernsehen/Y3JpZDovL2hyLW9ubGluZS85NTA1NA/>



<https://www.spiegel.de/wissenschaft/natur/corona-klimaziele-wegen-virus-noch-erreichbar-a-a230303c-2d96-4f2b-abc0-2aeabdaf4ead>



<https://www.eco-business.com/news/how-the-pandemic-is-changing-the-way-leaders-approach-climate-action-goals/>



<https://www.gatesnotes.com/Energy/Climate-and-COVID-19>

Write down your notes.

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Now plan a 2-3 minute video and record it
or prepare a short presentation

Here are some key questions for the video / presentation:



- What has the pandemic changed in regards to the environment?
- What exactly has the media reported?
- Have you noticed/observed any changes yourself?
- Which aspect(s) did you choose to investigate? Why?
- What has changed in your home country (Germany/USA)?
- What has improved?
- What has gotten worse?
- After the pandemic, what should stay the way it is now?

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Introduce yourself and look at the videos of the other students.
Comment, or meet online in real time in groups and present your findings.

Make a note of any interesting aspects or questions that you have