



## Impact of Water Pollution

### *The River That Changed Color*

In a small town, a wide river once provided clean water for drinking, farming, and fishing. Families enjoyed swimming there during hot summers. But things began to change when several factories were built upstream. These factories released chemical waste into the river. Soon, the water changed color and gave off a foul smell. Fishermen noticed fewer fish, and the ones they caught often looked sick. Farmers complained that their crops near the river were not growing as well because the polluted water was used for irrigation. Even children in the town began getting stomach problems after drinking the water.

The townspeople realized they had to act. They organized meetings, contacted government officials, and demanded the factories stop polluting. Finally, strict laws were enforced, and the factories were required to clean their waste before releasing it. Over time, the river began to recover, fish returned, and families once again felt safe near the water.

1. What natural resource was most affected in the town?
2. List two ways the pollution harmed living things.
3. Why did the crops stop growing well?
4. What actions did the townspeople take to fight the pollution?
5. What lesson can we learn about the relationship between people and the environment?
6. Multiple Choice: Which type of pollution does this story mainly describe?
  - a) Air Pollution
  - b) Water Pollution
  - c) Soil Pollution
  - d) Noise Pollution