



## Vocabulary Connections

### Directions

A local environmental group is circulating flyers about an upcoming event. Help the organizers complete their flyer by placing the correct words from the box at right into each blank line in the flyer.

### JOIN OUR FIGHT TO PROTECT THE CHESAPEAKE BAY

**Over 64,000 square miles of land drains into more than 100,000 miles of streams and rivers that flow into our beloved Bay.**

Please march with us through the city streets this Friday and raise your voice to protest further development of untouched land. We can't afford to lose any more wild places! We have already carelessly used too many of our \_\_\_\_\_—what will happen when there is no more clean water to drink, no more clean air to breathe, no more fertile soil to farm, or no more trees to cut?

Don't think there are any immediate threats to our wildlife? Think again! There are many dangers that threaten our local \_\_\_\_\_, which are home to countless plants and animals—

- ☹️ A chemical treatment plant is releasing \_\_\_\_\_, which are poisoning our \_\_\_\_\_, and killing fish and wildlife.
- ☹️ \_\_\_\_\_, like the snakehead, are invading our waterways and threatening native plants and animals. Some of our local organisms are already in danger of disappearing forever—are you going to stand by as they are forced into \_\_\_\_\_?
- ☹️ Local power plants are daily releasing tons of carbon dioxide and other \_\_\_\_\_ that are quickly overheating our planet. We ALL know the changes we're seeing to our local and global climate are more than normal \_\_\_\_\_!
- ☹️ The normal cycling of matter through \_\_\_\_\_ has been disrupted by overdevelopment and the careless removal of trees and other plants. We can't just sit back and do nothing as \_\_\_\_\_ eats away at our precious shorelines.

*Even if you can't join us in protest, please do your part at home by always \_\_\_\_\_ aluminum cans, plastic containers, and glass bottles, as well as paper and cardboard.*

### WORD LIST

natural resources  
cyclic climate change  
sedimentation  
watershed  
extinction  
nonnative species  
erosion  
greenhouse gases  
ecosystems  
recycling  
toxic substances

