

Unit 1 Nature in the balance

Extended reading

**News that Matters:
pollution in Norgate**

Lead-in

What changes can you observe in the pictures?

What do you think are the causes of the changes?



Factories

Cars

Burning coals

Construction dust

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Fast reading

1. Scan the transcript and tell who are engaged in the show?
2. What role does each person play?

Name	Roles
Host	Host
James Smith	A local resident
Vincent Brown	Senior manager of a local factory
Julie Archer	Chief of the Norgate Environment Protection Committee

Prediction

According to the guests' roles, what attitudes may they take towards environmental protection? Read and check your prediction.



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Reading



Listen to the transcript. Find out the attitude of each guest.

Smith

For health and safety reasons alone, heavy industry has to go.

Why?

- The river is dirty and smelly.
- The smog in the air has coloured the sky a smoky grey.
- It's also given him a cough that he can't get rid of.

Reading



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Brown

- Businessmen also try to control the amount of pollution they produce.
- Factories have brought economic benefits to Norgate.

Why?

- Various measures have been taken, including the use of new technologies, to reduce pollution in the production process, even though these measures raise their production costs.
- They've created many jobs for local residents and helped the city's economy grow.



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Archer

- We have to achieve a balance between environmental protection and economic development.
- Fighting pollution isn't just a task for factories and the government.
- It has to be a community-wide effort and every one can help.

Why?

- They've made environmental policies for businesses to observe, like strict clean-up requirements.
- They also **work hand in hand with** other branches of government to ensure that development strategies are followed in an environmentally friendly way.
- Follow the golden rule: reduce, reuse and recycle.

Discussion

Do you agree on Smith's opinion that heavy industry has to go? Share your own opinion on heavy industry and state the reason in groups.

Factories have caused water and air pollution and endangered public health.



Factories have helped Norgate's economy and created job opportunities for local residents.

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