

Stop Water Pollution

“What in the world is that Kali?”

“I can’t tell from here, let’s move a little closer Harmony.”

“Oh my gosh, it is pollution!”

“Huh, what is water pollution?”

“Water pollution is a type of pollution that hurts all living things.”

“How does it affect the environment?”

“Well in America about 85% of pollution that happens is water pollution. Water Pollution is no joke it could eventually cause animals to go extinct. Water is something that all living organisms need to live. Water Pollution is also one of the most serious problems.”

“I never knew about these kinds of things. Tell me more, Kali, this is fascinating!”

“Well, Harmony, here are some more examples of what water pollution does to plants. A plant needs water to survive, but it has to be fresh water.”

“Why does a plant need water to survive?”

“The flower takes the water and sunlight, and makes food for itself. But, when a flower drinks polluted water it will kill that plant. People don’t really think about it, but when an oil spill happens, 12% of that oil goes into the ocean. Oil cannot dissolve in water, and blocks sunlight from plants like kelp.”

“I bet when the oil spill happened on the Gulf of Mexico lots of plants died.”

“Yeah, but still think about it maybe you are a tiger lily drinking some water, but you don’t know the water is polluted. You would drink it get sick, and maybe even die. Sewage water also enters the ocean and when that

water enters it has bacteria, virus, and disease. Any animal can be harmed by this. Water pollution can also affect resources like soil if the water is polluted when the plant goes to drink the water it gets in the soil. When the polluted water gets in the soil, it spreads, and can kill every living plant.”

“Oh, okay Kali, so that is how my mom’s plants died.”

“Did you know that humans are one of the worst polluters alive? We are worse than storms! On the national geographic website I read a surfer named Skip Frye surfed in polluted water, and he and other surfers suffered ear infection, sinus, and hepatitis. You see this is what could happen to you, because of water pollution.”

“So don’t go surfing?”

“Well it’s not only surfing you could just be swimming in the water having fun, and you could get sick, or you may have to go to the hospital. Oh and think about how most of our water gets cleaned, some people have to bathe in dirty water. If those people don’t bathe in it they drink it.”

“Can we drink it?”

“No Harmony you’ll get sick! Now Harmony, water pollution also harms animals. Sewage water enters the ocean and when that water does enter the ocean it has bacteria, virus, and disease, any animal can be harmed by this. Marine dumping affects marine animals, because the trash that gets dumped goes in the ocean and lands on an animal, and can trap it.”

“Aw that’s sad.”

“Yeah. You have a garden right?”

“Certainly!”

“When you use fertilizer it can run into a nearby stream. Then again when this happens it flows into the ocean and spreads. This can also decrease animal species.”

“That’s horrible!”

“I know. Maybe a larger animal is going to get food, but the food that an animal eats is already dead. Later on that species would begin to die out.”

“I don’t understand Kali?”

“You don’t, think about it you are a seahorse swimming in the sea all of sudden trash falls on you. You are trapped in the trash, later you would get sick and may die.”

“OH NO!!!”

“What happened Harmony!”

“There is a bird covered in oil!”

“Let’s take it to my house and wash it off. Like I said if this keeps happening population by population will go extinct.”

“I never knew water pollution could do all of this.”

“Guess what, now you know that not only does pollution harm water it also harms us, plants, animals, and our environment. We need to do what we can to help. Just pick up trash if you see it, or don’t throw your own trash in the water. You know the smallest things can help. Maybe even get your mom and dad to help you pick up trash along the beach. You can even help by conserving water, so that not much contaminated water spreads.”

“I’ll be sure to tell Jake to stop taking one hour showers.”

“Good! The water we have today is nothing compared to what we could have if we make a change. You got that right keep that in mind if we have clean water it will not only help living creature, but we might find a way to stop pollution.”

“Now I know for sure Kali that I’ll make a difference everywhere I go!”

“You go Harmony! If everyone wanted to help as much as YOU . . . think of the possibilities!”

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