

EAP: Ecological Issues Keywords 1

Ensure

Verb

<https://youtu.be/53SAgyzDY9U>



We can appoint guardians for the water that ensure the water's rights are always protected. We can also develop water-quality standards that have a holistic approach, that ensure the well-being of the water before our human needs

- Kelsey Leonard

Ensure | verb

To make sure or certain

To secure or guarantee

EXAMPLES

We need to ensure the safety and protection of our natural resources

The airline is taking steps to ensure there is proper social distancing on all flights.

The government ensured us the forest would be protected

The government have a legal duty to ensure the safety of its citizens .



1. How can we ensure the safety of elderly people living alone?
2. Who should ensure that rivers be kept clean, local councils or the national government?
3. Some people say social media is dangerous for children, how can we ensure a child's safety on social media?

ADDITIONAL LINKS

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/ensure>

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/state-to-ensure-environmental-flow-of-rivers/article32243193.ece#!>

Corporation

Noun

<https://youtu.be/RymZrIYbTjQ>



We've granted legal personhood to corporations. In the US, the Supreme Court found in "Citizens United" that a corporation was a person with similar protections under the Constitution

- Kelsey Leonard

Corporation | noun

A large company

A group of companies controlled by one company

Some big corporations are actually great places to work.

Apple is a giant corporation who have headquarters in Ireland

It's easy for big corporations to break the law and get away with it

I would not work for that corporation if you paid me a million dollars, they are evil.

Giant corporations kill local businesses



1. Some people argue that mega corporations should pay more taxes, do you agree or disagree?
2. What are the benefits and drawbacks of working for a large corporation instead of a smaller local business?
3. Which would you prefer to work for, a large corporation or a small family owned business?

ADDITIONAL LINKS

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/corporation>

<https://www.investopedia.com/terms/c/corporation.asp>

<https://www.globalissues.org/article/55/corporations-and-the-environment>

Fundamentally

Adverb

<https://youtu.be/FzUb6gPEd4Y>



We need to fundamentally transform the way in which we value water

- Kelsey Leonard

Fundamentally | adverb

A certain importance on something

Something essential

Used to emphasize the importance of an action

EXAMPLES

We must fundamentally change our lifestyles to prevent a second wave of the virus.

If we do not fundamentally change the way we live, we will destroy this planet.

The police had to fundamentally change their approach to protests, they were too violent and instigated more violence.

The advent of the smartphone fundamentally changed the way we communicate, similar to how COVID-19 fundamentally changed our lifestyles.

In the west of Ireland, the landscape is very rocky



1. Have you ever fundamentally changed an opinion you had?
2. How can we motivate people to fundamentally change the way in which we value water and natural resources?

ADDITIONAL LINKS

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/fundamentally>

Generation

Noun

<https://youtu.be/TK6K3v6onW4>



I believe we can create a bold and brilliant world where future generations are able to form the same relationship to water that we have been privileged to have

- Kelsey Leonard

Generation | noun

People in society who are the same age

A period of roughly 25-30 years in which babies become adults

EXAMPLES

We need to protect this earth for future generations

Past generations did not care or know about the environment, that's why we have a lot of problems today.

You need to really start thinking beyond yourself, and what you can do for the next generation

How can we help the next generation?

He dedicated his life to improving society and helping the next generation, a selfless person.

This generation was almost done with smoking, then they introduced vapes.

An entire generation of indigenous children were taken from their parents in the 60s scoop.

1. Do you think we are leaving a good or bad earth for future generations?
2. How do you think life will change for the next generation?
3. Has life changed in your parents generation?



ADDITIONAL LINKS

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/generation>

Grant

Verb

<https://youtu.be/Pf8d5amKI18>



And so if you can grant that to a corporation, why not the Great Lakes? Why not the Mississippi River? Why not the many waterways across our planet that we all depend on to survive?

- Kelsey Leonard

Grant | verb

To allow a person or entity to do something.

To give permission

To give consent for someone to do something

To permit something as a right

EXAMPLES

There are a lot of reasons to grant personhood to water, we can protect it if we grant it legal personhood.

Why did the government refuse to grant permission for the concert?

The genie granted the woman three wishes

I can't grant you that, be more reasonable.

The government finally granted aid for the hurricane hit city.

We need to grant legal personhood to our rivers and lakes



1. Do you think rivers and lakes should be granted more protections?
2. Some people say that granting big corporations' legal personhood was a mistake, what do you think?

ADDITIONAL LINKS

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/grant>

Transform

Verb

<https://youtu.be/3qmeVgm-olk>



And so it's time for us to change. We have to transform the way in which we value water. And we can do that.

- Kelsey Leonard

Transform | verb

To change the appearance or character of something

To change the opinions of people

To try and improve something

EXAMPLES

The government said they would transform the forest into a national park, but they transformed it into a landfill instead.

If we don't transform our mindset about climate change, we will face an even bigger crisis.

We transformed our lifestyle during COVID-19

The discovery of electricity transformed society.

1. Education transformed during COVID-19, do you think the transition from face to face to online learning will stay?

2. What is the best way to transform peoples opinions about protecting our natural resources?



ADDITIONAL LINKS

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/transform>

Decade

Noun

<https://youtu.be/2IXvXct6aXc>



Or Grassy Narrows First Nation, which for decades has been dealing with water contamination from the paper mill

- Kelsey Leonard

Decade | noun

A period of 10 years

A period of ten years starting with a year where the last digit is 0

EXAMPLES

I was born in the 90s, a great decade!

The city's population exploded in the last decade, from 10,000 to 50,000.

That company shut down, it's a big loss to the local community as they were in operation for four decades.

Scientists say we have less than a decade to prevent some major problems of climate change.

If we don't act now, in a decade we may be faced with rising sea levels that will absorb our town.



1. Where do you want to be a decade from now?
2. Some scientists say we can prevent the major dangers of climate change in the next decade, if we act now. What do you think we can do in the next decade to prevent climate change?

ADDITIONAL LINKS

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<https://www.theguardian.com/film/2018/apr/19/which-decade-was-best-to-live-in-heres-what-we-learned-at-the-movies>

Legal personhood

Noun

<https://youtu.be/FjKBKBw1UI>



The Whanganui River in Aotearoa, in New Zealand, and the Ganges River in India were both granted legal personhood in 2017

- Kelsey Leonard

Legal personhood | noun

To treat something like a human being.

To give something more rights than an object, the same rights as a human

EXAMPLES

If we granted legal personhood to our rivers, we could protect them a lot easier

I can't believe they granted the giant corporation legal personhood

Why do you think they have not granted legal personhood to rivers and lakes?

We should copy New Zealand and give some rivers legal personhood.



1. What are the benefits of granting a river legal personhood?
2. What are the cons of granting a river legal personhood?
3. Why do you think they granted legal personhood to the big corporation?

ADDITIONAL LINKS

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/legal/legal%20person>

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/11/09/world/sandra-orangutan-florida-home-trnd/index.html>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WwhcrpJTzGQ&ab_channel=Vox

Contamination

Noun

<https://youtu.be/1873puOdSHA>



Today, the Navajo Nation and the Diné People and the river itself are still trying to recover from contamination

- Kelsey Leonard

Contamination | noun

The process of making something dirty

The process of making something poisonous

The result of a process which caused something clean to become unclean

EXAMPLES

The cause of the contamination was discovered, it was the factory that contaminated the river.

If we don't prevent contamination of our rivers and lakes, we will face a huge water-crisis in the future

That corporation has a bad track record of contamination. They usually destroy local lakes and rivers

There is a severe problem of contamination resulting from the oil spill

The factory agreed to pay the small fine for the contamination of the river

The government said they would help first nations with water and river contamination, so far they have not done a lot



1. Is there a problem with water contamination from factories in your country?
2. What can we do to ensure there is no more water or river contamination from big factories?

ADDITIONAL LINKS

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/contamination>

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/coronavirus/food-is-highly-unlikely-to-be-a-source-of-covid-19-contamination-experts-say/ar-BB18NrHT>

Indigenous

Noun / Adjective

<https://youtu.be/zdAQ7Eq3Nhw>



In the United States, Indigenous peoples like myself were not citizens under the law until 1924

- Kelsey Leonard

Indigenous | noun / adjective

Something produced, growing, living, or occurring natively or naturally in a particular region or environment.

An ethnic group that is are the earliest known inhabitants of an area of land

EXAMPLES

Indigenous people have not been treated fairly by modern governments

We need to listen to indigenous people more and get them involved in saving our planet

There is still no clean water on many indigenous reserves in Canada

Canada has a bad history of mistreating and oppressing indigenous people

Indigenous culture is much more in touch with nature and the land than other cultures.



1. Do you know of any traditional indigenous meals?
2. Have you ever listened to indigenous music?

ADDITIONAL LINKS

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/indigenous>

<https://theweek.com/articles/936535/indigenous-land-rights-could-save-brazilian-amazon-from-deforestation>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-zwP6q1GkM&ab_channel=CBCNews

Crisis

Noun

<https://youtu.be/ndLIQi LoDE>

 **We know we are in a global climate crisis, but globally, our waters are also threatened, and we are facing a global water crisis, and if we want to address these crises in our lifetime, we need to change**

- Kelsey Leonard

Crisis | noun

A time of intense difficulty

A time of great danger

A time of severe trouble

EXAMPLES

We are in a global climate crisis, we don't protect our natural resources.

The global health crisis was handled well by some governments, and terribly by others

The Cuban Missile Crisis was in 1962

The government is facing a leadership crisis.

The UN intervened to try and stop the crisis, they failed.

The huge earthquake caused a national crisis, many people were missing.



1. How can we avoid the climate crisis we are facing?
2. Can you handle yourself in a crisis?

ADDITIONAL LINKS

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/crisis>

Climate

Noun

<https://youtu.be/s9 XhYfYKX8>



We know we are in a global climate crisis, but globally, our waters are also threatened, and we are facing a global water crisis, and if we want to address these crises in our lifetime, we need to change

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Climate | noun

The weather conditions in an area over a long period of time.

EXAMPLES

There is a huge difference between weather and climate

We are facing a climate crisis, we have done little to prepare.

The climate is changing, our winters have changed a lot in the last ten years.

With the changing of the climate, there will be bigger hurricanes and hotter summers.

Ireland has a very wet climate, if you go there, don't forget your umbrella.



1. What can you do locally to slow down climate change?
2. Do you feel the government are doing enough to protect the climate?
3. Some people argue that human-caused climate change is not real, what do you think?
4. What's the climate in your country?

ADDITIONAL LINKS

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