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Damaged Planet



DAMAGED PLANET



Giant earth moving equipment is used that is larger than many buildings. Very deep grooves are dug in the land. The best soil which is on the top is scraped to the side, along with whatever plant life it contains.

Companies do this to get at the coal and mineral supplies that are underneath the earth. It makes the natural landscape look terrible. It destroys plant life and makes it easier for rain to wash the ground away.

States are passing laws that require companies to repair the damage they do. They have to put the topsoil back. They must make the land look like it used to. Without these laws the companies leave the area looking like a desolate wasteland.



Read each sentence below. Fill in the missing word.

1. Giant earth moving equipment is used that is larger than some _____.
2. States pass laws to make companies _____ the damage they have done to the earth.
3. The best _____ is on the top.
4. Without laws the companies leave the area looking like desolate _____.

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When we spray chemicals on plants to kill the insects we end up eating small amounts of the chemicals. Some of these can cause health problems. They may do other bad things that we do not know about.

D.D.T. is one of these chemicals. It is very good at killing pests. We used D.D.T. in fields and orchards all over the country. It was washed into lakes and rivers when it rained. Many birds and fish ate plants and foods that had been sprayed with D.D.T. It did many harmful things. We do not use D.D.T. very much anymore.

Radiation is something else that can damage the Earth. It is a special type of energy that can be extremely harmful to all life. It comes from nuclear explosions and nuclear power plants that make electricity. We have learned to be very careful with the use of nuclear power.

Write a definition for each word below.



1. chemical _____

2. radiation _____

3. nuclear energy _____

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CRISS CROSS

Can you fit these words into the criss cross?
Use a pencil so you can erase if you need to.

air
rain

laws
damage

soil
planet

acid
pollution

