TEACHER'S NOTES

ecocide

Overview: Suggestions for using the **Macmillan Dictionary *BuzzWord*** article on *ecocide* and the associated worksheet.

Total time for worksheet activities: 35 minutes

Suggested level: Intermediate and above

1. If you intend to use the worksheet in class, go to the *BuzzWord* article at the web address given at the beginning of the worksheet and print off a copy of the article. Make a copy of the worksheet and the *BuzzWord* article for each student.
2. If the members of your class all have a computer and internet access, ask them to open the worksheet before they go to the *BuzzWord* article link. Make sure they do not scroll down to the Key until they have completed each exercise. You might find it helpful not to print a copy of the Key for each student but to check the answers as a class.
3. Encourage the students to read through the questions in Exercise 1 before they look at the article. When they have completed the exercise, ask them to compare their answers with a partner. Then, check the answers as a class.
4. In Exercise 2, make sure that the students know that the words in the exercise appear in the same order in which they appear in the text.
5. When your students have completed Exercise 3, ask them to correct the false statements.
6. In Exercise 4, ask the students to complete the exercise and then discuss their answers with a partner. Check the answers as a class.
7. When the students have completed Exercise 5, ask them to compare their answers in pairs, and then check the answers as a class. If you have internet access, you might want to ask students to look up the words in the Macmillan Dictionary.
8. As a winding-up activity, ask the students to think of ways in which they can help to protect the environment. Make a list on the board, e.g. using less energy, not leaving electrical equipment on stand-by, walking or cycling to school / work, etc.

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Go to the **Macmillan Dictionary *BuzzWord*** article at:
http://www.macmillandictionary.com/buzzword/entries/ecocide.html

1 Find the information

Read the *BuzzWord* article on *ecocide* and answer these questions.

1. What four examples of minor acts of *ecocide* are given in the article?
2. What four examples of large-scale *ecocide* are given in the article?
3. What was launched in the European Parliament in January 2013?
4. When did the term *ecocide* first appear?
5. When did the term *ecocide* obtain greater exposure?
6. What does the suffix *-cide* in the word *ecocide* mean?

2 Find the word

Look in the text and find the words that match the descriptions below. The first letters of the words or phrases are given. The words are in the order in which they appear in the text.

1. a noun meaning *a feeling of having no interest in or enthusiasm about anything, or of not being willing to make any effort to change things*

   a_____

2. an adjective meaning n*ot thinking about the possible bad effects of your actions*

   r_____

3. a noun meaning *the attitude of someone who does not respect something or consider it important*

   d_____

4. a noun meaning *the process of removing trees from a large area of land*

   d_____

5. a verb meaning *to make something dirty, polluted or poisonous by adding chemicals or waste*

   c_____

6. a noun meaning *a reduction in the amount of something or the number of things*

   d_____

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3 Comprehension check

Are these statements true (T) or false (F) according to the text?

1. The term *ecocide* was first coined in 2010.
2. Minor acts of ecocide can lead to prosecution.
3. *Ecocide* is usually used to refer to large-scale acts of environmental damage.
4. The new initiative in the European Parliament will make ecocide illegal anywhere in the world.
5. An *ecovore* is a person whose eating habits damage the environment.
6. Large-scale acts of environmental damage are difficult to deal with under current laws.

4 Verb + noun collocations

Match the verbs in the left-hand column with the nouns and noun phrases in the right-hand column.

1. launch	a. a proposal
2. cause	b. soil and water
3. contaminate	c. an initiative
4. mount	d. lifestyle choices
5. make	e. energy
6. produce	f. damage

5 Other words ending in *-cide*

Match the words with their meanings.

1. homicide	a. the act of killing a king
2. fratricide	b. the murder of large numbers of people belonging to a particular race or group
3. herbicide	c. a chemical used for killing insects that damage crops
4. genocide	d. the crime of killing someone
5. regicide	e. the crime of killing one's brother
6. pesticide	f. a chemical used for killing weeds

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KEY

1 Find the information

1. throwing a dead battery in the bin, lighting fires, stealing birds' eggs and dumping used motor oil
2. deforestation, extractive mining, unlimited fishing, and using chemicals that contaminate soil and water or kill wildlife
3. a new initiative on ecocide
4. more than 40 years ago
5. in 2010
6. the act of destroying / killing

2 Find the word

1. apathy
2. reckless
3. disregard
4. deforestation
5. contaminate
6. depletion

3 Comprehension check

1. F. It was coined more than 40 years ago.
2. T
3. T
4. F. It may make ecocide illegal on European territory, or anywhere in the world if committed by a European individual or organization.
5. F. An ecovore eats in an environmentally-responsible way.
6. T

4 Verb + noun collocations

1. c
2. f
3. b
4. a
5. d
6. e

5 Other words ending in *-cide*

1. d
2. e
3. f
4. b
5. a
6. c

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