

Our Choice Spelling and Vocabulary Words

- 1. Deforestation – the process of clearing forests**
- 2. Fossil fuels – substances formed in the earth from plant or animal remains (ex: coal, oil, natural gas)**
- 3. Global warming – an increase in the earth’s temperatures due to pollutants in the oceans and atmosphere**
- 4. Greenhouse effect – Earth’s atmosphere traps solar radiation caused by an excess of gases in the atmosphere causing the Earth’s temperatures to increase**
- 5. Habitable – capable of being lived in or on**
- 6. Deteriorate – to make or become worse**
- 7. Pollutant – any substance that causes any natural resource harmful or unusable**
- 8. Reflectivity – measure of the ability of a surface to reflect radiation**
- 9. Crisis – a crucial or decisive point or situation; turning point**
- 10. Renewable – natural resource that is never used up or that can be replaced by new growth**