

Lesson 91: Global Warming

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Bill: (using Koichi's smart phone) What does this app do?

Koichi: It's a tool for measuring your carbon footprint.

Bill: Carbon footprint? What's that?

Koichi: Whenever you do something, you produce pollution as a result. This app measures how much carbon you've created.

Bill: I don't get it. Why would you measure such things?

Koichi: (pointing at Bill's paper cup) Like this cup, for example. When it was made, carbon dioxide was produced in the process. By using it, you contributed to the pollution.

Bill: I did? But I just drank water.

Koichi: Don't worry, pal. Everyone has a carbon footprint. We **can't help** it. But we can do something to reduce pollution.

Bill: That makes me think twice about doing a lot of things. Thank you for that information. I think I'll reuse this paper cup.

Koichi: I'm happy to enlighten you.

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. A: I really wish you'd stop snoring. I can't sleep well at night. B: I'm sorry. I **can't help** it.

2. Jack tried not to laugh at Sue's new hair color, but he **couldn't help** it.

3. I **can't help** but admire Jen's leadership and bravery.

* can't help ... / ...はどうにもできない ; can't help but ... (= can't help ...ing) / ...せざるを得ない

3. Your Task

You are the mayor of a town in the countryside. A big company has proposed to build a factory in your city. It will provide jobs to the townspeople but it does not assure the protection of the environment. Talk to the businessmen (=your tutor) and tell them that you are not comfortable about having the factory in your town. Give them reasons on why you are not allowing the factory to be built in your town.

4. Let's Talk

What do you think is the biggest cause of pollution in the world?

What should China do to clean up the country?

Do you contribute to the preservation of the environment?

Explain your answer.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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