



Lesson 2

Create actions to prevent or improve the situation

You have explored many different issues affecting the environment. Now it is time to decide how you can become a true global citizen and make a difference in protecting and saving the environment. Divide into student teams and refer to the work you completed in Lesson 1 to develop a project goal to prevent or improve an environmental issue in **your community**.

Each team will:

- consist of 3-4 students.
- develop a unique project goal to complete together.
- share the results of the project in the *Eco Picture Diary*.
- submit the *Eco Picture Diary* by the competition deadline.



With your team, share the five solutions you circled at the end of Lesson 1. Once you have reviewed and discussed each team member's solutions, work together to select one solution the group is interested in addressing. Write that solution in the box below.

Out team's solution is:



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STEP 2

Now that you have a solution selected, it is time to turn your solutions into ACTION! Think about what you can DO, what ACTIONS you will take, what your team can ACCOMPLISH to help protect the environment. This will be your team's Eco Project Goal and will be the first step in planning your project. For example, your team may select recycling as a solution you want to pursue. One Eco Project Goal for this solution would be to increase the recycling opportunities around your school.

Focus your goal on actions your team will take. For example, creating a social media account may draw attention to the environmental cause and inspire others to act, however, for this project your team will be the ones taking action and getting out in the community to make a difference. You want to be active in improving the environment, not just talking or posting about it. Focus on goals that are action-oriented like cleaning up litter or implementing a composting program. Write your team's Eco Project Goal in the box below.

Our team's Eco Project Goal is:



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STEP 3

Having an Eco Project Goal is only the first step in making a difference in your local community. You must also have a plan to help you accomplish your goals. Use the planning tool below to determine the actions you will take to achieve the Eco Project Goal your team selected. Use all the resources available to you: the Internet, newspaper articles, classmates, family members, your teacher and local organizations. Take your time developing your plan and be specific as you develop and describe each action. Remember that each item you list should be an ACTION you will take that will help you ACCOMPLISH your team's goal.

Eco Project Goal	How Will You Accomplish This Goal? (Actions)	What Resources Will You Need?	Who Will Be Responsible?	Deadline
Ex. Increase Recycling opportunities around our school	Ex. Talk to principal and maintenance staff to get approval.	Ex. We may need a teacher to support our idea	Ex. Jim, Shatarah and Myron	Ex. January 15

Planning can take a lot of time, but a well-planned project goal will save you a lot of time in the long run and ensure the success of your project!

