

INDEPENDENT PRACTICE WORKSHEET

CHAPTER 15

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

15.2 THE CASE AGAINST ECONOMIC GROWTH WHY LIMIT GROWTH?

The issues listed below are some concerns that are often cited by people who want to limit economic growth. Read the list. Then follow the directions.

nuclear accidents	problems of disposing of radioactive wastes
destruction of wilderness	problems of disposing of solid wastes
contamination of water supply	toxic pollutants in air
explosions at chemical plants	damage from use of chemical fertilizers
loss of farmland due to urbanization	destruction of tropical rain forests
erosion and overuse of farm soils	damage to ocean environment
contamination from pesticides	depletion of fish in waterways
depletion of the ozone layer	depletion of supplies of minerals and other natural resources
damage to hearing from excessive noise	scarcity of water
accumulation of carbon dioxide in atmosphere	chemicals in the food chain
cluttering space with debris	
crowding in urban areas	

From this list, choose five issues that you consider to be important. List them below. Then describe the problem. If you can think of a solution for each problem, describe it.

1. _____
Problem: _____
Possible solution: _____
2. _____
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Possible solution: _____
3. _____
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Possible solution: _____
4. _____
Problem: _____
Possible solution: _____
5. _____
Problem: _____
Possible solution: _____