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| Every Breath You Take imageIntroduction image |

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| **To the Teacher:** |
| In teaching this lesson, it will be useful to refer to the **Teachers' Materials** before you begin, to give you vital information associated with the unit. |

Do you know what an environmental pollutant or hazard is? Environmental pollutants/hazards are substances like motor oil and even chemicals like ammonia, that when present in air, water and soil have a harmful impact on human, animal, and ecological health.Environmental pollutants/hazards can be classified into three major types:An **indoor pollutant**is a hazard present inside buildings that has a harmful health effect on the occupants of the building. Indoor pollutants include dust, smoke, mold and even common household chemicals.An **outdoor pollutant**is a hazard present in the outdoor environment that has a harmful impact on human, animal and ecological health. An outdoor pollutant can be found in the air, water, or soil.A **special environment pollutant** is a hazard that people are only exposed to in certain settings, such as work places or while practicing a hobby. Can you think of a type of career that might expose a person to a special environment pollutant? One example is firefighters. Firefighters are exposed to extremely high temperatures and smoke while performing their job each day |
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| By the end of this lesson you should be able to:* Identify common indoor airborne illnesses and contaminants
* Identify common outdoor airborne illnesses and contaminants
* Identify common airborne illnesses and contaminants of special environments
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| Begin by taking the "Pre-Test", then proceed with the rest of this unit by going through the "Lessons".  When you get to the lesson guides, read each one.  When you are finished, complete the post-test. |