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**ENVIRONMENT Phrasal Verbs**

**Wipe out**

* **Meaning**: Destroy something completely
* **Example**: *Whole villages were****wiped out****by the floods.*

**Break down**

* **Meaning**: Decompose, when something slowly reduces to its smallest parts
* **Example**: *A plastic pot may take more than a million years to be****broken down****.*

**Scale back**

* **Meaning**: Make something smaller in size, amount, etc. than it used to be
* **Example**: *The British Army intends to****scale back****on its use of petrol-driven vehicles and soon we may seeing British soldiers going to war on bicycles.*

**Use up**

* **Meaning**: Exhaust of strength or useful properties
* **Example**: *We’ve already****used up****earth’s resources for 2016.*

**Throw away**

* **Meaning**: Get rid of something that you no longer want or need
* **Example**:*Don’t****throw away****your grass clippings; leave them on your lawn.*

**Run out of**

* **Meaning**: Finish the supply of something
* **Example**: *What will we do when we****run out of****gas?*

**Die out**

* **Meaning**: Stop existing
* **Example**: *This species has nearly****died out****because its habitat is being destroyed.*

**Spread out**

* **Meaning**: Cover a large area
* **Example**: *Because our population is so densely concentrated, a new disease like bird flu can****spread out****very quickly after the first case has appeared.*

**Rely on**

* **Meaning**: Need or depend on somebody/something
* **Example**: *We won’t have to****rely on****power companies if we use solar and wind power instead.*

**Cut down**

* **Meaning**: Kill trees
* **Example**: *The rainforest is being****cut down****.*