



It's time to ring a bell

**The Environmental
Problems of Our Native
Town**

We live in Kupiansk. It is a small town.



There are so many cars in the streets of our town.



Air is polluted and I really think that our health is affected. Wastes from plants are very dangerous.



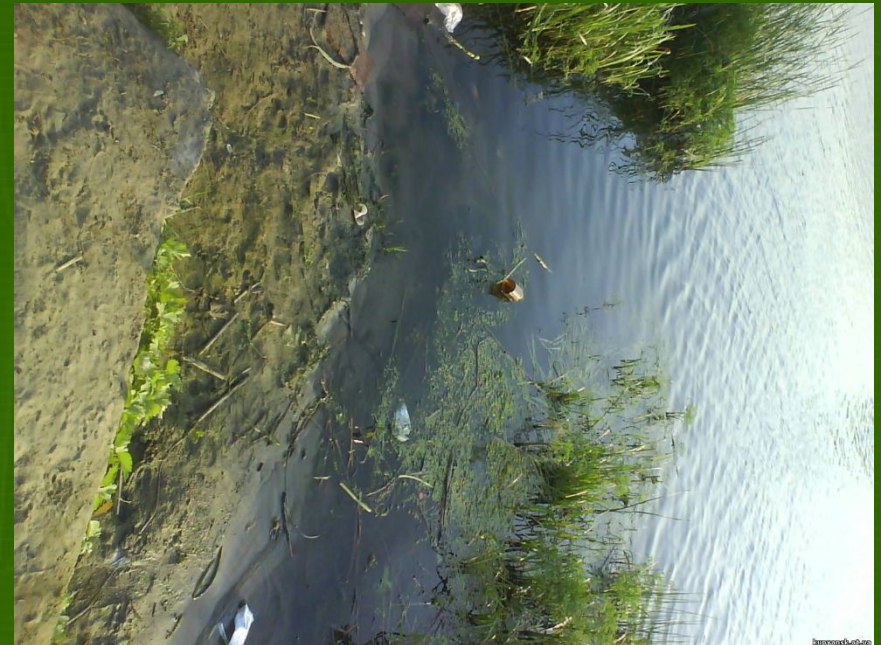
The railways are also one of the sources of pollution. One locomotive pollutes air more than 40 cars.



Many years ago our river Oskil was deeper and wider. Many people swam there and there were a lot of fish there.



But now there is litter everywhere, and water is polluted. River is full of poison, industrial wastes, chemical. There are no fish in it.



People kill animals and birds.



They cut trees down.



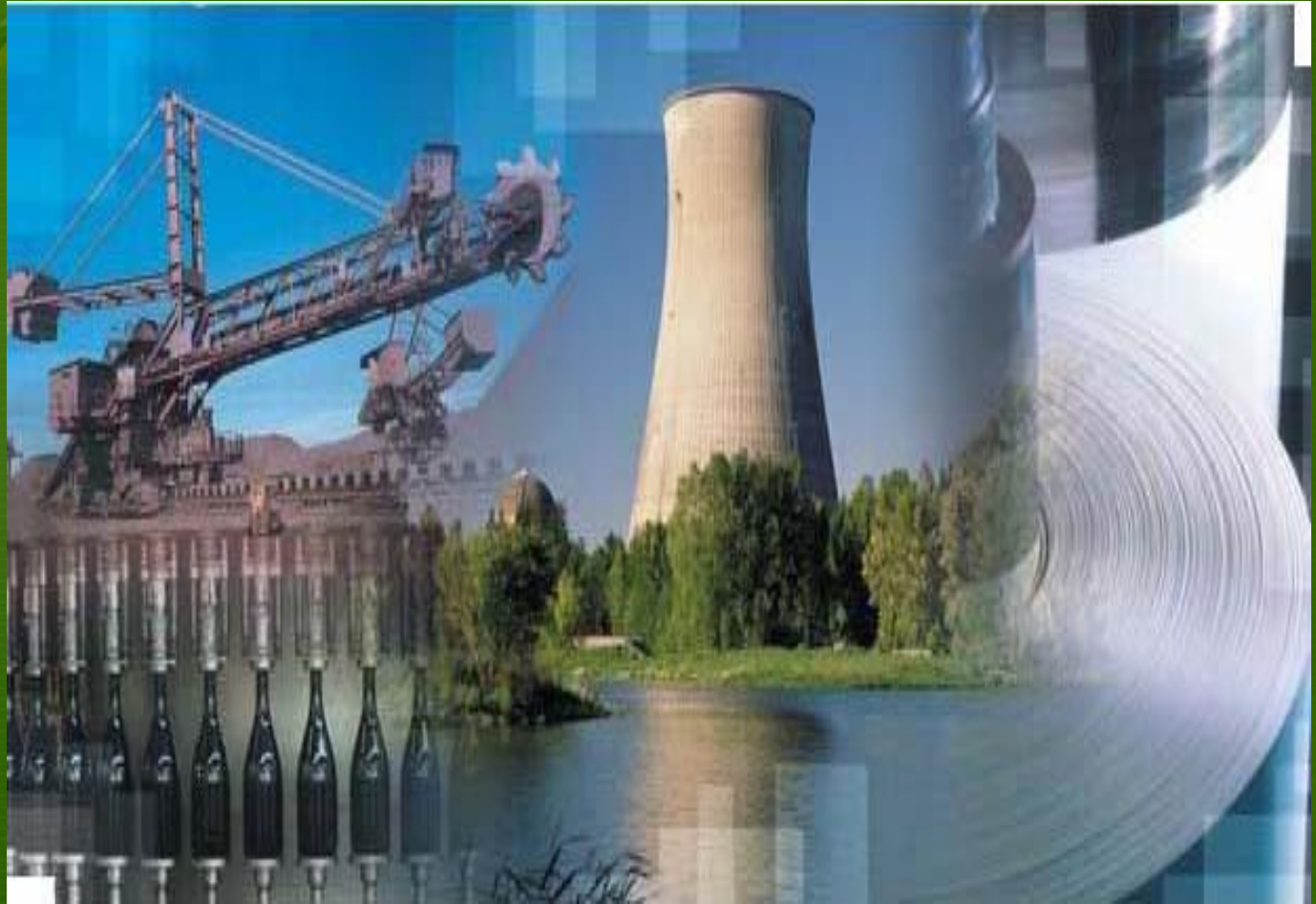
**Many people burn litter or autumn leaves.
It pollutes the air, too.**



Empty plastic bottles and cans are everywhere; on the banks of the rivers, under the trees, near the houses and on the roads.



The life of people is in danger too. We are only a part of the environment.



That's why we should understand the ecological problems and help to protect our native town.



*Only when all the rivers have run dry
And all the fish in the sea have died
Only when all the rainforests have been burnt down
And there is no food for the animals
Only when all the blue skies have been filled with smoke
And the cities of the world have choked
Will the white man understand
That it's too late to save the Earth.*

(Native American poem)

