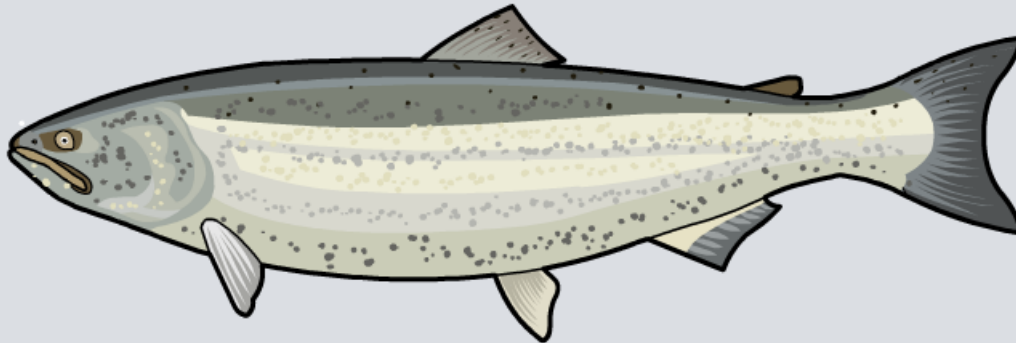


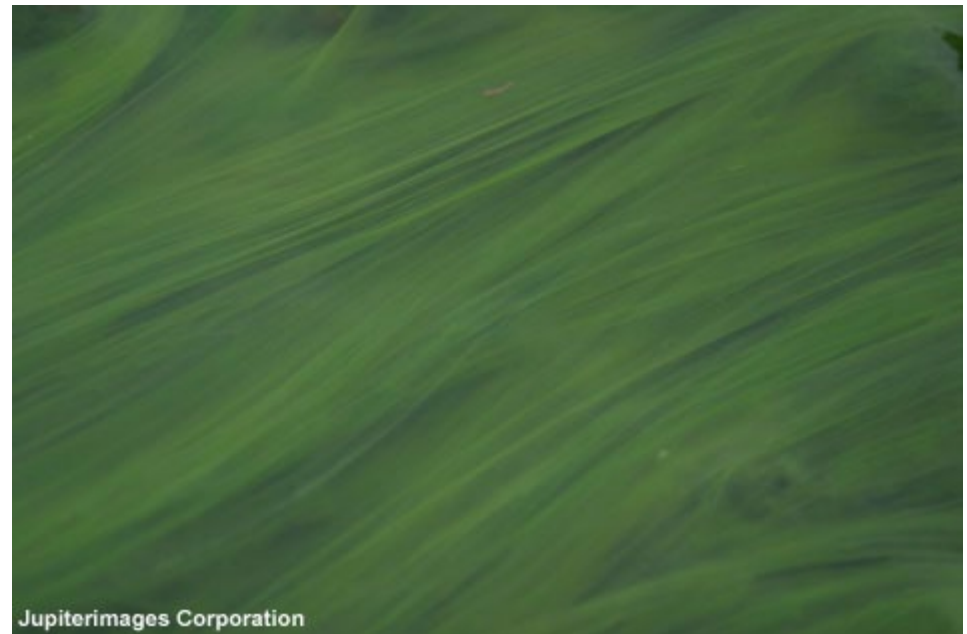
Water Pollution



Sewage, industrial waste, oil, pesticides and fertilizers all pollute water.

Fertilizers and sewage can easily be washed into rivers, streams and lakes. The nutrients, phosphates and nitrates in these substances cause **eutrophication**.

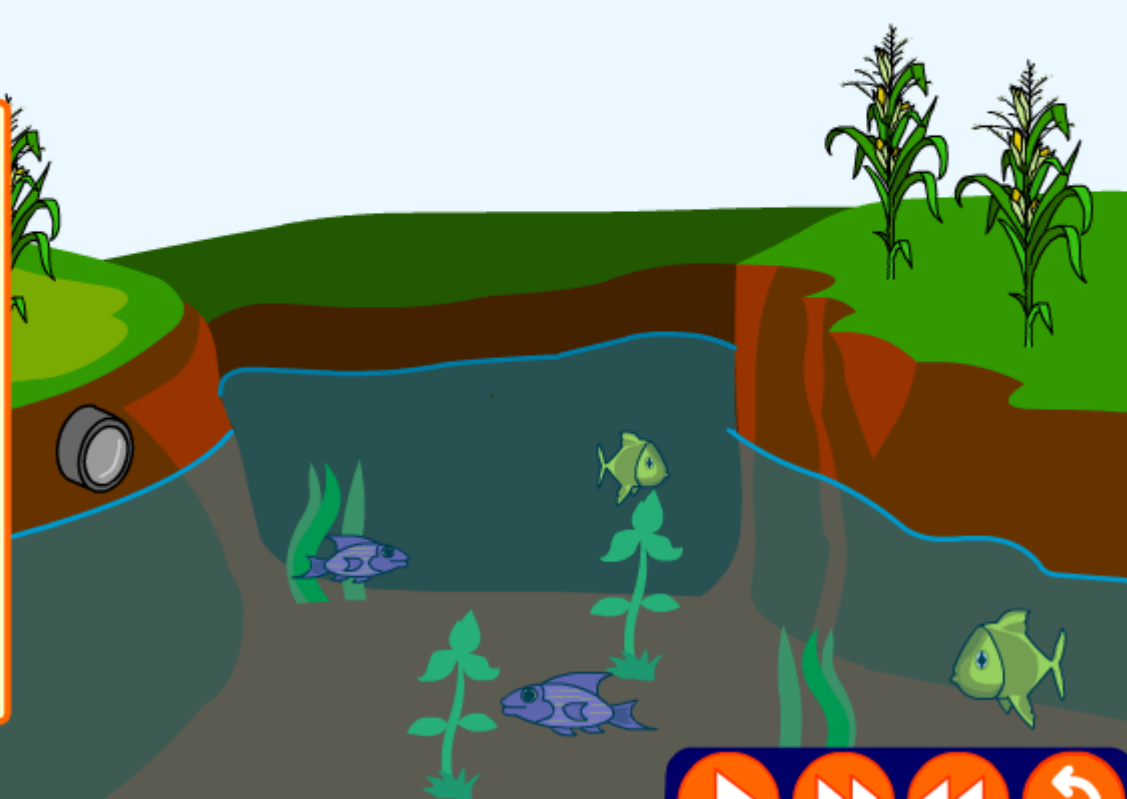
Eutrophication is the accumulation of nutrients in water, which causes excessive algal growth. This leads to a reduction in oxygen levels and the death of aquatic life.



What is eutrophication?

Eutrophication is a serious problem caused by water pollution.

Click "**play**" to find out more.





What is the order of stages in eutrophication?



Plants below the surface of the water die



Fertilizers and liquid nutrients wash into the water



Oxygen levels drop as microbes feed on dead plants



Algae starts to grow rapidly, blocking out the light



Fish and invertebrates die from lack of oxygen



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