

your room

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You can make your room a happier and healthier place just by adding some plants. They are nature's great air purifiers – removing carbon dioxide and harmful chemicals from the air, as well as adding oxygen. The air we breathe today was produced 2.5 billion years ago when primitive plants started producing oxygen by photosynthesis. Plants take in energy from the sun, carbon dioxide from the air, water and minerals from the soil, and breathe out oxygen and water vapour. You'd need hundreds of plants in your room to provide all your oxygen, but just a couple will help keep the air clean.

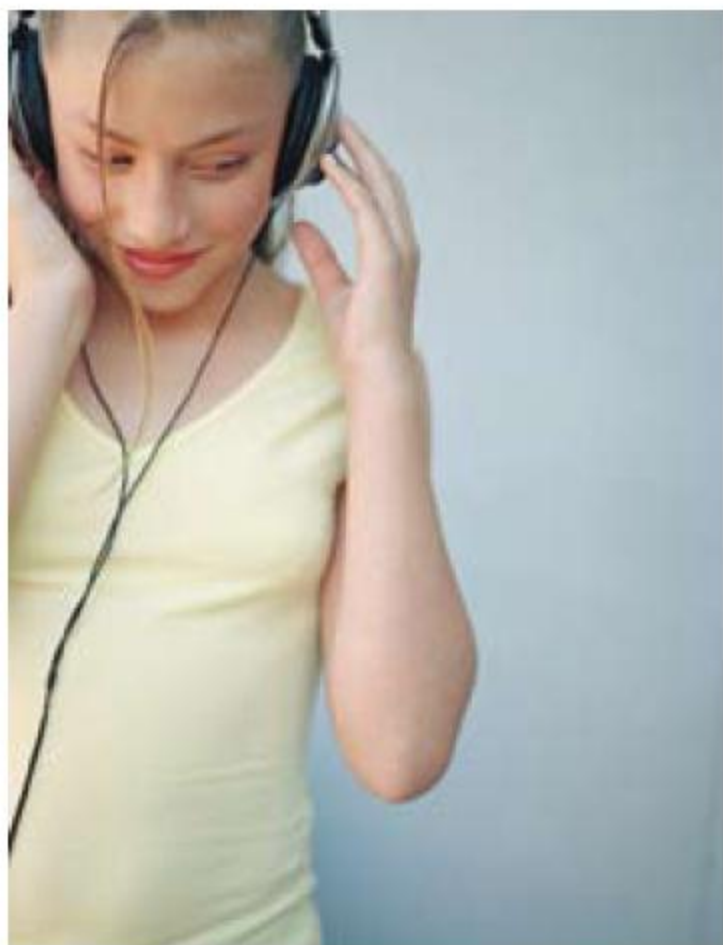


Find a plant and decorate the pot to suit your room.



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turn that music up!



Even before your parents were born, many popular rock groups and musicians were involved in spreading the word about the environment. In Australia, Midnight Oil is one of the best known. Live Earth concerts were held all round the world in 2007 to make people focus on the future of the planet and be aware of the problems that have to be solved. Many classical composers wrote their greatest works in response to nature and the world around them – such as Beethoven’s Pastoral Symphony or Vivaldi’s Four Seasons. So listen to music that reminds you what a fascinating world we live in – and be inspired to make a difference!



How many songs can you find that sing about nature and the environment?

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