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What Is the Ozone Layer, and Why Is It Important for Life on Earth?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Because the ozone layer protects the whole planet, and pollution in one place can affect everyone.
2. There might be more sunburns, more people with skin cancer, and more harm to plants and animals.
3. I'd say it's like a big shield in the sky that stops the sun's dangerous rays from hurting us.
4. I can recycle, use less electricity, and learn about the environment so I can help protect it.

