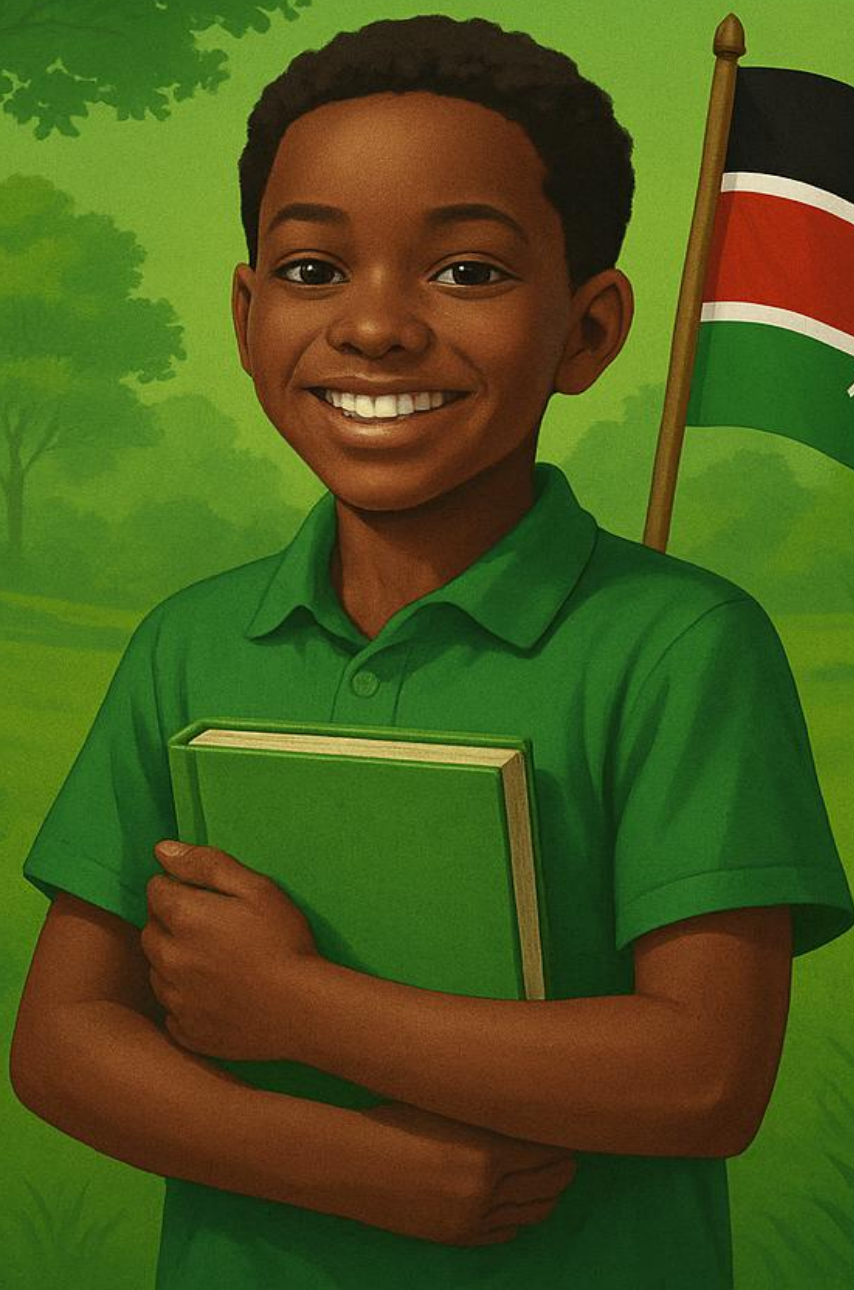




GREEN SPROUT KENYA

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COURSEBOOK
FOR YOUNG CHANGE-MAKERS

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Green Sprout Kenya: Environmental Education Coursebook for Young Change-Makers

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Introduction: Why Green Matters

Welcome to Green Sprout Kenya, a guide for students and teachers who want to make Kenya greener, cleaner, and more sustainable. This course book is about more than trees-it's about the people who plant them, the communities they protect, and the future they secure.

Trees are life. They give us shade, food, clean air, and homes for animals. In a world facing climate change, droughts, and deforestation, we must take action. And action starts with you-the student, the teacher, the young dreamer who believes we can grow something better.

Chapter 1: Understanding the Environment

Key Ideas:

- The environment is everything around us: air, water, land, animals, and plants.
- A healthy environment = a healthy life.
- Human activities can harm or heal the environment.

Activity: Draw or describe what your perfect natural environment looks like. What's in it? What makes it healthy?

Chapter 2: The Power of Trees

Trees help us by:

- Producing oxygen
- Reducing air pollution
- Preventing soil erosion
- Providing food and medicine
- Giving homes to animals

Did You Know? One tree can absorb up to 22 kg of carbon dioxide per year!

Activity: Interview an elder in your community about trees that were important when they were young.

Chapter 3: How to Plant a Tree

Steps to Plant a Tree:

1. Choose a native tree species.
2. Dig a hole twice as wide as the seedling's roots.
3. Place the seedling gently in the hole.
4. Fill with soil and press gently.
5. Water it well.
6. Protect it from animals or damage.

Activity: Plan a tree planting event in your school or village. Who will be involved? Where will it happen?

Chapter 4: Your Role as a Student Eco-Leader

You can:

- Start a Green Club
- Teach your friends about waste reduction
- Reuse, Reduce, Recycle
- Write poems, songs, or stories about nature
- Report pollution or tree cutting to an adult

Reflection: Write a short paragraph about how YOU can be a voice for the Earth.

Chapter 5: Climate Change and Kenya

What is Climate Change?

- Long-term changes in temperature and weather patterns.
- Caused mostly by human activities (like burning fossil fuels).

In Kenya, we see:

- More droughts
- Less rain
- Crop failure
- Loss of forests

Solution?

- Plant trees
- Save water
- Use clean energy
- Educate others

Chapter 6: Poems, Stories, and Art for the Earth

Let students express themselves through:

- Poems like: "I Am a Tree" or "Green Hope"
- Stories of young heroes who plant trees
- Posters about recycling or clean rivers

Creative Activity: Create a short poem about a tree. Share it with your class.

Chapter 7: Green Pledge and Action Plan

My Green Pledge: I promise to protect the earth, plant trees, speak for the environment, and help others do the same.

My Action Plan:

1. Plant ____ trees this term
2. Start/Join a Green Club
3. Teach ____ people about climate change
4. Report pollution or littering

Final Thoughts

Every big forest began with one seed. Green Sprout Kenya is about growing that seed-of awareness, leadership, and love for nature-inside every student.

Together, we will grow a greener Kenya.

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