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The subject of the article is the ambiguity of terms related to environmentalism in Polish. The article presents the results of a research on students' understanding of concepts related to environmentalism. The article also includes a theoretical analysis of the comprehension and use of terms such as 'ecology', 'ecologist' and 'ecologism' in Polish.

One of the inspirations for the study was the lack of distinction in Polish between ecology as a science and an ecologist as a biologist, and environmentalism which is also called 'ecology' in Polish and an ecologist as an pro-environmental activist ('environmentalist') which occurs in English.

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