

Quick Factsheet about Climate Change



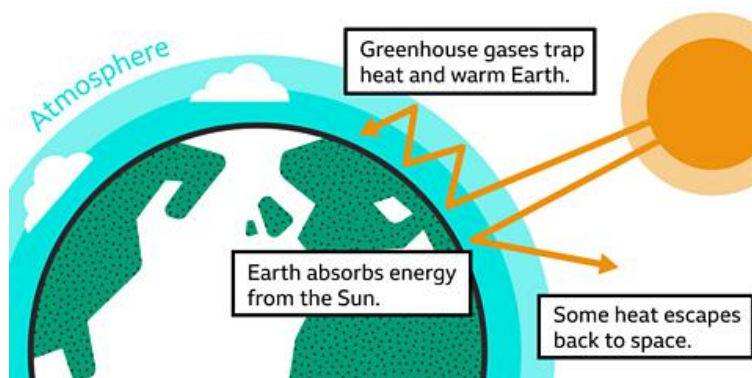
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Here are a few things about climate change to get you thinking, but you can read the full factsheet with easy-to-understand information and links to more in depth reading at <https://crossingfootprints.com/climate-change-factsheet>



What is 'Climate Change'?

The amount of CO₂ gas released by all the fuel we burn is building up in the atmosphere and making the world a greenhouse – the sun's heat gets in and some of it stays trapped. The world is getting warmer year by year, that's why it's also called 'global warming'.



What damage does it cause?

Glaciers and ice caps are melting faster, sea levels are rising and some parts of the world are going under water. Extreme weather is becoming more common - heatwaves, droughts (when there's not enough rain), floods and powerful storms. Animal species are being lost, less food can be grown, risks to our health increase, more poverty and people losing livelihoods, people are forced to become refugees.

Who gets the worst effects?

The poorer people are, the harder it is to recover from failed harvests, destroyed homes, and health crises caused by climate change. Poor countries have never had many cars, industries and gadgets but they still get the worst effects. Bangladesh will lose land because over 60% of its land is less than 15 feet above sea level but it produces less than 0.5% of greenhouse gases that cause climate change.

Can we stop it?

Using your voice is probably the most important thing to do. Tell others, tell the politicians to do more, join or support a local group or campaign. Rethink your diet and transport, change who you bank with, protect and support green spaces and trees, reduce how much you buy that has to be thrown away too soon or repair it. Follow the link to the full factsheet to find out more.