

Environment Pollution

Environmental pollution is caused by many things.

- Oil, gas and coal are fossil fuels. To get the energy to power the things we use in everyday life, we burn these fuels.
- It's been happening for years and it's led to lots more carbon dioxide getting into the Earth's atmosphere.
- Carbon dioxide is one of the so-called greenhouse gases which are warming up our planet.
- Experts are concerned that if we don't cut down on the amount of carbon dioxide we produce warmer temperatures will really harm our planet.
- There's a term to describe the amount of carbon dioxide we use to live our lives - it's called our "carbon footprint".

There are lots of things we can do to reduce our carbon footprint and help to stop harming to our planet. We can look at:

- How we travel - driving around all day in big cars lets off lots off carbon dioxide - cycling, walking or taking the bus is less harmful.
- What we eat - food that's been grown or made locally doesn't have as far to travel as products from foreign countries
- What we do at home - why not put on a jumper when you're cold instead of turning up the heat, make sure you switch off stand-by buttons, or persuade your parents to get some energy-saving light bulbs?



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