

Weather vs. Climate



Weather

 "consists of short term changes in atmospheric variables. Exwind, temperature, precipitation, barometric pressure (pg 493)

Climate

 "average weather conditions of the earth or a particular area... over a period of at least 30 years." (pg 494)

The Greenhouse Effect

Visible light from the sun comes into the atmosphere Infrared radiation

CO₂

Sun

Atmosphere

gases block heat energy from escaping the atmosphere The light hits the ground and is transformed into heat energy

The molecules of greenhouse gases vibrate because of heat

Infrared radiation bounces all over the place

Climate change

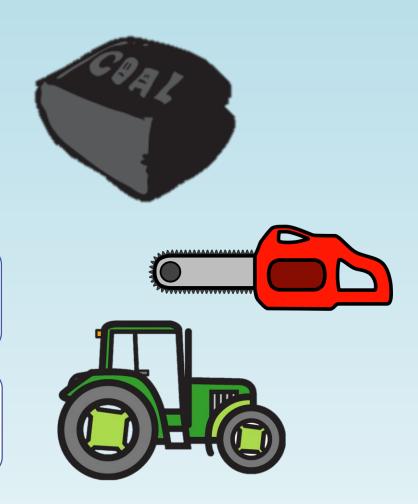


Change in the average precipitation and temperature over 30+ years

Burning fossil fuels such as oil and coal

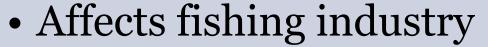
Clearing carbon sinks such as forests and oceans

Agriculture and raising cattle



Dissolved Oxygen

Economic



Tourist industries



Social

 Communities that rely on seafood diets lose food supply

Environmental

 Less oxygen results in sea life dying

Thermal Expansion

Economic

 Real estate destroyed because of excess flooding, resulting in higher prices

Social

- Loss of homes
- Denser populations in areas above sea level, resulting in more industry and pollutants

Environmental

- Sea levels rise
- Habitats destroyed



Warming currents

Economic

• Destruction of crops

Social

- Destruction of homes
- death

Environmental

- Severe weather occurrences
- Destruction of habitats



How can we help?





Eat less meat

Carpool or use public transportation

Use less electricity



Reuse and recycle



Try to find environmentally friendly companies



Use less plastic

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