

Climate emergency quiz



Ages: 13+



Time: 40 mins

Purpose:

To learn more about the climate emergency.

Youth work outcomes:

Outcome 4: Young people participate safely and effectively in groups

Outcome 6: Young people express their voice and demonstrate social commitment

Sustainable development goals:



How it works:

In person:

Preparing the questions to be best read by your group, for example on a PowerPoint presentation or on handout sheets for small groups.

Online:

A platform with the functionality to host quiz questions, for example Zoom polls or Kahoot.

Description:

The quiz has four different rounds (Sea Level Rise; Science and Impacts; Climate Justice and Responses; Personal Behaviours). You could run the quiz using all four rounds or intersperse the rounds amongst other activities.

Use the questions below, or add your own, to create a quiz that best suits your needs and those of your community.

Discussion questions:

- Which answers surprised you?
- Did the quiz make you reflect on your own behaviour?
- What impact would it have if more people knew these facts?

Actions/next steps:

Explore one of the themes in more detail. There are other activities in this toolkit that focus on climate justice and climate change.

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Sea level rise

1. Global Warming can cause sea levels to rise due to which two processes?

- Thermal Expansion & Sea Ice Melt
- Sea Ice Melt & Ice Cap/Glacier Melt
- Ice Cap/Glacier Melt and Thermal Expansion
- Ice Cap/Glacier Melt and Increased Rainfall

2. It is currently estimated that by 2050 sea levels may rise by how much?

- 10cm
- 20cm
- 30cm

3. How many of the world's 15 largest cities are on the coast or a river estuary?

- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12

4. On average by how much are sea levels currently rising?

- 1mm per year
- 2.3mm per year
- 3.4mm per year
- 5mm per year

5. If the predicted rise in sea levels by 2050 occur, how many people is it estimated will be affected?

- 10 million
- 100 million
- 150 million

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Science and Impacts

1. The amount of Greenhouse Gas emitted by an activity, person, country, etc. is known as what?

- A carbon pawprint
- A carbon handprint
- A carbon footprint
- A carbon fingerprint

2. When was it first proposed by the Swedish scientist Svante Arrhenius that human emissions of Greenhouse Gases could potentially impact the climate by causing Global Warming?

- 1850
- 1896
- 1946
- 1976

3. Which molecule of Greenhouse Gas has the highest Global Warming potential?

- Carbon Dioxide
- Methane
- Nitrous Oxide
- F – Gases

4. By how much have human activities increased the percentage of Carbon Dioxide in the atmosphere?

- 17
- 22
- 35
- 47

5. The Australian wild fires of 2019/20 killed an estimated how many number of animals?

- 100 million
- 300 million
- 500 million
- 1,000 million

6. The “Greenhouse Gas” effect was discovered by the scientist John Tyndell in which year?

- 1859
- 1914
- 1960
- 1979

7. According to the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency how many tonnes of Carbon Dioxide was emitted by human activities in 2012?

- 25 billion tonnes
- 30 billion tonnes
- 35 billion tonnes
- 45 billion tonnes

8. Which sector is responsible for the highest proportion of human emitted Greenhouse Gases?

- Energy
- Transport
- Agriculture
- Industry

9. For Scotland which sector, by 2015, had reduced annual Greenhouse Gas emissions by the LEAST since 1990?

- Energy
- Transport
- Agriculture
- Waste Management

10. Which of these is NOT predicted to happen globally if the world warms by 2C by 2100?

- 170% increased risk of flooding
- Virtually all coral reefs will be lost
- All fossil fuels will have been used up
- Arctic sea will be ice free at least 1 in every 10 years

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Climate Justice and Responses

1. For a 2C rise in global temperatures what percentage of the population of Africa would be at the risk of malnutrition?

- 10%
- 25%
- 40%
- 50%

2. Which of these countries has the highest historic Greenhouse Gas emissions?

- U.K.
- Kenya
- Brazil
- France
- Thailand

3. Which of these continents is rated as being the most at risk from Climate Change?

- Africa
- Europe
- South America
- Asia

4. The 50% of the world's poorest population are responsible for how much of global Greenhouse Gas emissions?

- 0%
- 5%
- 10%
- 25%

5. Which country "per capita" has the highest emissions?

- Canada
- China
- Brazil
- India

6. By when must the world reach net zero Greenhouse Gas emissions to keep the world to no more than a 1.5C temperature rise?

- 2050
- 2060
- 2080
- 2100

7. By when is the Scottish Government committed to reduce net Greenhouse Gas emissions to zero?

- 2040
- 2045
- 2050
- 2055

8. By when will you no longer be able to buy a new petrol or diesel vehicle car or van in Scotland?

- 2030
- 2032
- 2040
- 2045

9. How many people are estimated to have taken part in the September 2019 Global Climate Strikes?

- 1 million
- 3 million
- 4 million
- 6 million

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Personal Behaviours

1. What are the current CO₂e emissions of the average household in the U.K. per year?

- 11.4 tonnes
- 9.3 tonnes
- 10.2 tonnes
- 12.5 tonnes

2. Which of the following categories accounts for the highest proportion of emissions for the average U.K. household?

- Food
- Transport
- Housing
- Waste & Consumption

3. Which of these would you expect to have the lowest carbon emissions for a person consuming these foods in the U.K.?

- Tomatoes
- Bananas
- Apples
- Avocados

4. As of 2019, how much food is wasted in Scotland per year?

- 300,000 tonnes
- 400,000 tonnes
- 500,000 tonnes
- 600,000 tonnes

5. If you were to take a return trip from Edinburgh to London by train instead of flying, how much CO₂e would this save?

- 126kg
- 95kg
- 73kg
- 67kg

6. In order to reach net zero by 2045 in Scotland, we should be aiming to reduce our annual CO₂e emissions per household to:

- 1.1 tonnes
- 4.2 tonnes
- 3.7 tonnes
- 2.4 tonnes

7. Which of these foods emits the highest amount of CO₂e?

- Pork
- Chicken
- Beef
- Fish

8. Which of these activities accounts for most of the CO₂e generated from our homes?

- Lighting our homes
- Heating our homes
- Using appliances

9. If every household in Scotland turns their thermostat down by one degree, this will reduce housing emissions by...

- 1%
- 5%
- 10%
- Such a small change won't make a difference

10. Switching to one meat-free day per week can reduce a person's annual carbon footprint to the same extent as not driving a car for...

- A week
- A month
- A day
- It doesn't make a measurable difference

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Personal Behaviours

11. Which behaviour change in the home would save the most U.K. energy in a year?

- Switching off the TV when not being watched
- Reduce shower time to maximum of 5 minutes
- Turn off unnecessary lights
- Turn the thermostat down by 1 degree Celsius

12. Which personal behaviour change would save the most Greenhouse Gas emissions?

- Avoid using a computer for a day
- Avoid driving for 5 miles
- Avoid using 3 plastic bottles
- Avoid using 30 plastic bags

13. Which behaviour change in the kitchen would give the biggest reduction to U.K. energy use?

- Not overfilling the kettle
- Cooking only with a microwave not a conventional oven
- Cooking with lids on saucepans
- Only using a dishwasher when it is full

14. If a person cycled for 5 miles a day, instead of driving, how much Greenhouse Gas emissions would be saved annually?

- 500kg
- 400kg
- 300kg
- 200kg

15. How long does it take the average person in the U.K. to emit the same amount of Greenhouse Gas as emitted annually by the average person in Rwanda?

- 5 days
- 2 weeks
- 1 month
- 3 months

16. Which personal behaviour emits the most global Greenhouse Gases per year?

- Using the Internet
- Buying new clothes
- Flying

17. Which personal U.K. journey would have the lowest Greenhouse Gas emissions on average?

- Driving for 100km by electric car
- Taking a 200km train journey
- Taking a 100km bus journey
- Flying 75km

18. Which of these personal behaviours has the highest total Greenhouse Gas emissions?

- Driving two miles a day for a year
- Taking a shower every day for a year
- Eating a bar of chocolate every day for a year

19. Eating beef 1-2 times a week for a year has the Greenhouse Gas emissions equivalent to?

- Driving a car for 500 miles
- Driving a car for 800 miles
- Driving a car for 1,000 miles
- Driving a car for 1,500 miles

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11 (Tokyo, Shanghai, Mumbai, Osaka, Cairo, New York, Dhaka, Karachi, Buenos Aires, Kolkata, Istanbul)

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35 billion tonnes

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Artificial "F-Gases" such as refrigerants

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