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# CLIMATE CHANGE AND GLOBAL WARMING QUIZ



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- 2. Water vapour and clouds in our atmosphere also contribute to the 'greenhouse effect'. True / False
- 3. If we could remove all of the greenhouse gases from the Earth's atmosphere our planet would be a better place. True / False
- 4. Scientists have only been aware of global climate change for about 50 years. True / False
- 5. Planet Earth's climate did not change for hundreds of millions of years until humans started burning fossil fuels. True / False
- 6. Fossil fuels such as coal, oil and gas are formed from the remains of animals and plants that died millions of years ago. True / False
- 7. Global warming will mostly affect humans and not animals. True / False
- 8. Coal burning power stations (which generate electricity) are responsible for most of the man-made carbon dioxide in our atmosphere. True / False

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#### \* ANSWER SHEET \*

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  TRUE In fact, water vapour is responsible for more of the greenhouse effect that warms our planet than any other gas.
- **3**. If we could remove all of the greenhouse gases from the Earth's atmosphere our planet would be a better place. **FALSE** Without greenhouse gases our planet would not be warm enough to support life. The gases only cause problems when they become too concentrated.
- **4**. Scientists have only been aware of global climate change for about 50 years. **FALSE**It was around 200 years ago that scientists first began to suspect that the Earth's climate had changed many times in the past.
- **5**. Planet Earth's climate did not change for hundreds of millions of years until humans started burning fossil fuels. **FALSE** The Earth's climate has regularly changed over its 4.5 billion year history.
- 6. Fossil fuels such as coal, oil and gas are formed from the remains of animals and plants that died millions of years ago. TRUE
- 7. Global warming will mostly affect humans and not animals. **FALSE** Scientists predict that in this century global warming will be the main cause of animals becoming extinct. A global temperature rise of just  $1.5^{\circ}C$  ( $1.8^{\circ}F$ ) could put a quarter of all species at risk!
- **8**. Coal burning power stations (which generate electricity) are responsible for most of the man-made carbon dioxide in our atmosphere. **TRUE** It is estimated that coal burning power stations are responsible for around 40% of all man-made carbon dioxide in our atmosphere.

