

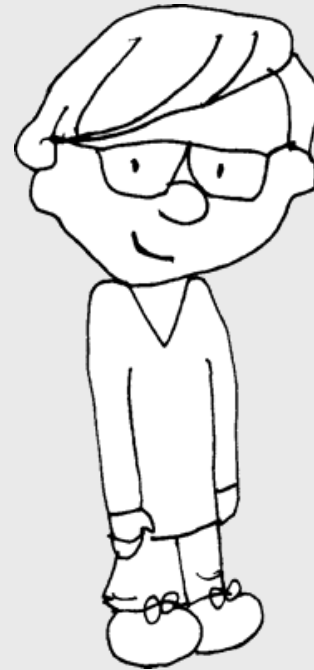
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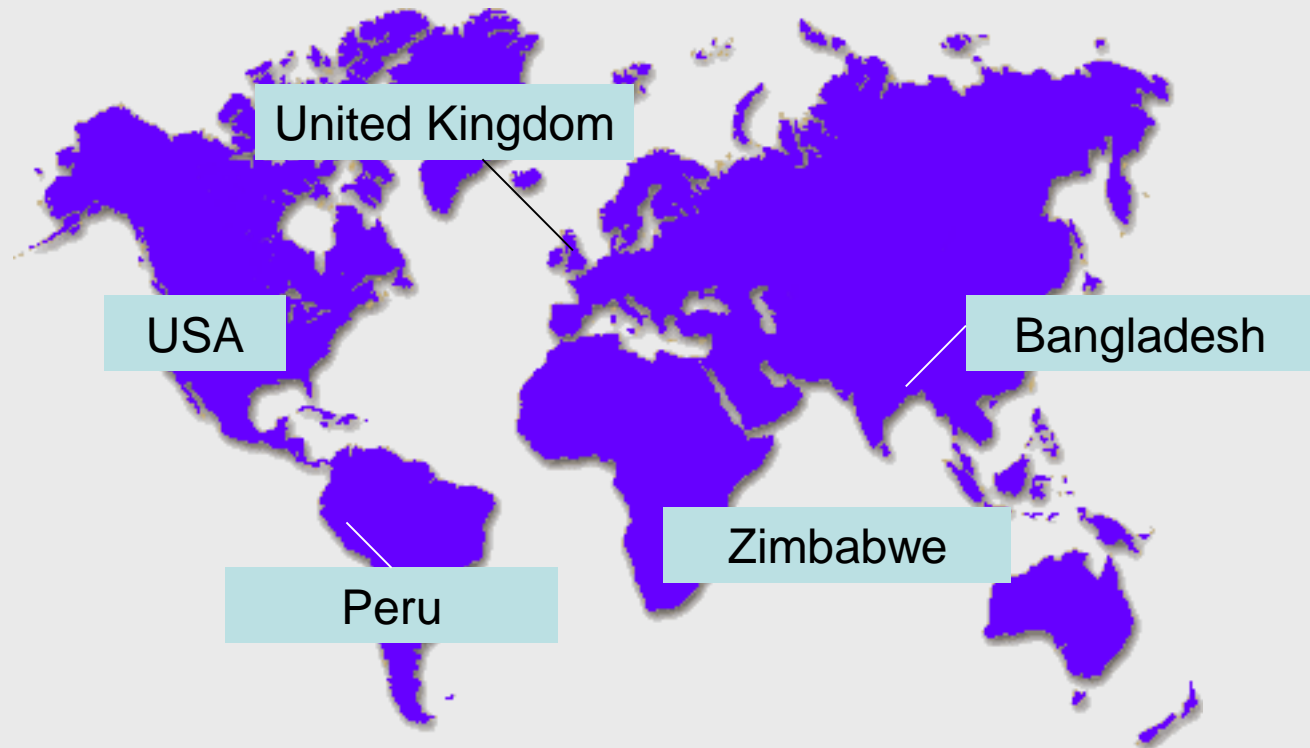
They were talking about climate change on the television last night.
What is climate change?



It's something to do with the weather.

Let's see what it means to different parts of the world.





Click onto the places to see the effects of climate change.

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Bangladesh: Tara's story



The monsoon rains are much worse. There is a lot of flooding and this destroys my crops. It's hard to feed my family.

We have had to move house seven times to get away from the floods.

Then in the summer there are long droughts when everything is dry.

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Zimbabwe: Oripu's story



Droughts make it difficult for people, crops and animals to survive.

The rains are not regular. The ground is baked hard. When it does rain, the water quickly runs off the ground.



I now dig ridges of soil in my field to capture the rain. My crops can now grow and I can feed my family. This has helped me and my family.

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United Kingdom: Alison's story



There were heavy rains last winter and my town was flooded. The water got into my house and ruined everything.



I was lucky. I had insurance to pay for the damage. Other people had to pay for everything themselves.

Then in the summer it was hot and dry. We had a water-shortage.

It seems the weather is getting more extreme.

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Peru: Pedro's story

Climate change has reached Peru.

The weather changes a lot more. Sometimes there are bad rains and then other times there are droughts.

The snow and ice in the mountains are melting. Lakes are getting full and there could be floods or landslides.

The winters seem to be more severe. We have started to build shelters to keep our animals alive over the harsh winters.

We plant new crops that can survive the droughts in the summer.



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USA: Frank's story



Hurricane Katrina was terrible. It hit New Orleans in August, 2005.

It flooded my city. My house was destroyed. People had to move out of New Orleans. It's still not back to normal today.



Picture from NASA

Global warming causes the polar ice to melt. The extra water is making the sea levels rise. Warmer temperatures are making the storms stronger. This means bad storms and big floods.

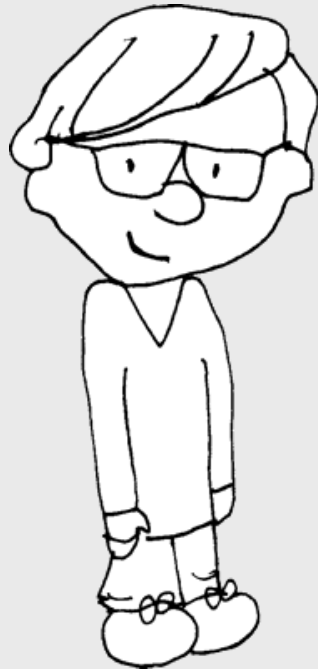
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So that's climate change

So the world's weather is changing.

There are floods in some places
and droughts in others.



There will be more storms and it
may get too hot to live in some
places.

People all over the world will be
affected.

How is the climate changing where
you live?

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