







Sea ice melting does not make the sea level rise (just as a melting ice cube does not make a glass overflow).

Set 1



Since 1900, sea level has risen by 20 cm. This is caused by the thermal expansion of ocean waters and the melting of glaciers and ice sheets.

Set 1





Industry uses fossil fuels and electricity. It accounts for 40% of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Set 2





CO<sub>2</sub>, or carbon dioxide, is the main anthropogenic (produced by human activities) greenhouse gas. These emissions come from the use of fossil fuels and from deforestation.

Set 1



The greenhouse effect is a natural phenomenon - incidentally, the most common GHG is water vapour. Without the greenhouse effect, the planet would be 33°C colder and life as we know it would not be possible. But CO<sub>2</sub> and other GHGs related to human activities amplify the greenhouse effect and unbalance the climate

Set 1





The average air temperature at the surface of the Earth has increased by 1.2°C since 1900. Future emission scenarios predict that this increase will reach between 2 and 5°C by 2100. During the last ice age 20,000 years ago, the average air temperature was only 5°C lower than today and warming up took 10,000 years.

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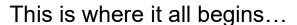












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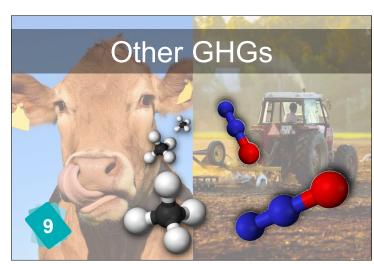
Fossil fuels are coal, oil and natural gas. They are used mainly in buildings, transportation and industry. They emit CO<sub>2</sub> when burned.

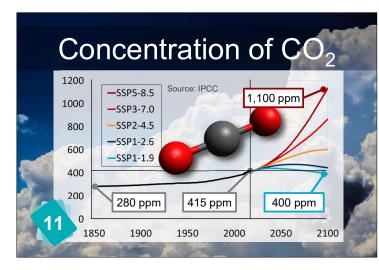


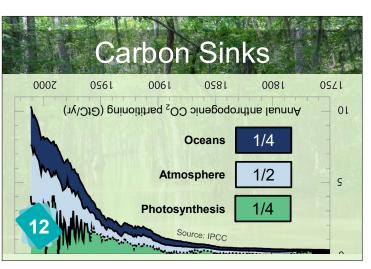


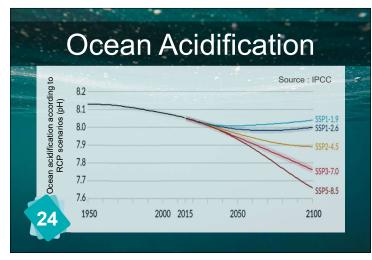


















Half of the CO<sub>2</sub> we emit every year is absorbed by carbon sinks:
- 1/4 by vegetation via photosynthesis
- 1/4 by the oceans

The remaining half stays in the atmosphere.

Set 2



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When  $\mathrm{CO}_2$  dissolves in the ocean, it turns into acid ions ( $\mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{CO}_3$  and  $\mathrm{HCO}_3$ -). This makes the oceans more acidic and the pH drops.

Set 2





Nothing to do with aerosol spray cans.

Aerosols are a type of local pollution that comes from the incomplete combustion of fossil fuels. They are bad for human health and they negatively contribute to radiative forcing, meaning that they have a cooling effect on the climate.

Set 3





Agriculture does not emit much CO<sub>2</sub> but does emit large quantities of methane (from cattle and rice paddies) and nitrous oxide (from fertilizers).

In all, agriculture accounts for 25% of GHGs if we include the induced deforestation.

Set 2



CO<sub>2</sub> is not the only greenhouse gas (GHG). Among others are methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), both of which mainly come from agricultural

activities.

Set 2





About half of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are captured by natural carbon sinks. The other half remains in the atmosphere. The concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> in the air has increased from 280 to 415 ppm (parts per million) over the past 150 years. This is higher than at any point over the last three million years.

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The building sector (housing and commercial use) uses fossil fuels and electricity. It accounts for 20% of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

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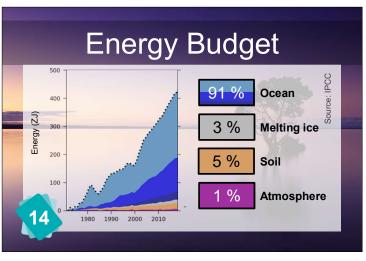
The transportation sector is highly dependent on oil. It accounts for 15% of greenhouse gas emissions.

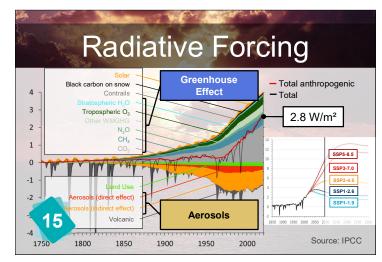
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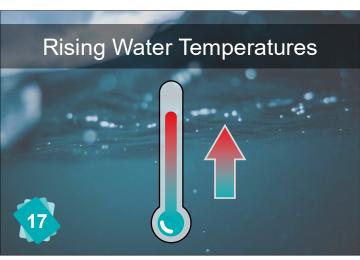


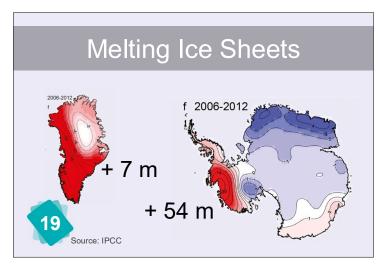
Deforestation is defined as cutting down or burning trees beyond the ability of the forest to restore itself. 80% of deforestation is driven by agricultural expansion.

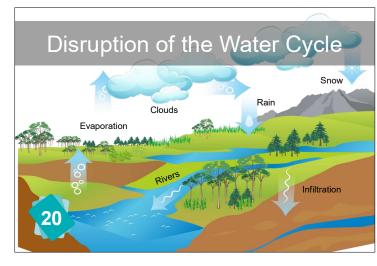


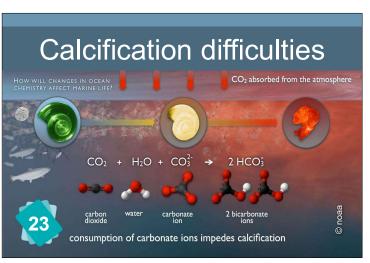


















When the pH drops, it becomes harder for limestone to form, espessially for calcareous shells.

Set 4

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Animals and plants are affected by the changes in temperature and the disruption of the water cycle. They may migrate or go extinct. Some may thrive and proliferate.

Set 4

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The disruption of the water cycle can both increase and decrease rainfall. More rain can lead to river flooding. If the soil is very dry, it makes matters worse because the water runs off it.

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Oceans absorb 91% of the energy accumulated on Earth. The water temperature has therefore increased, especially close to the surface. Water expands as it warms.

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Greenland and Antarctica are ice sheets (or continental glaciers). If they were to completely melt, they will cause the sea level to rise by 7 meters for Greenland and 54 meters for Antarctica. During the last ice age, ice sheets were so much larger that the sea level was 120 meters lower than today.

Set 3

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Hotter oceans and a hotter atmosphere lead to stronger evaporation, causing rainclouds and rainfall. Hotter land and a hotter atmosphere also lead to stronger evaporation, this time causing the ground to dry out.

Set 3

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This graph explains where the energy accumulated on Earth due to radiative forcing goes. It warms up the ocean, melts ice, dissipates into the ground and warms up the atmosphere.

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Radiative forcing represents the difference between the energy that reaches the Earth each second and the energy that is released. It is rated at 2.8 W/m² (Watt per square meter), 3.8 W/m² from the greenhouse effect and -1 W/m² from aerosols.

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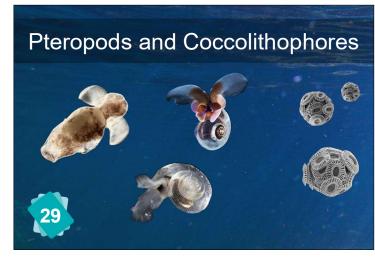




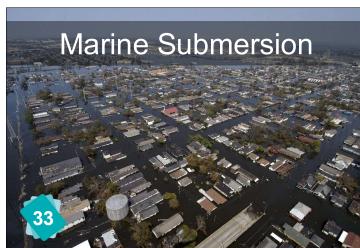
Almost all glaciers have receded, and hundreds of them have already disappeared. Glaciers are important because they regulate and provide freshwater.























Freshwater resources are affected by changes in rainfall and by the melting of glaciers that regulate the flow of rivers.

Set 5





Food production can be affected by temperature, droughts, extreme weather events, floods and marine submersion (e.g. the Nile Delta).

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Wild fires start and spread more easily during droughts and heatwaves.

Set 5





The disruption of the water cycle can both increase and decrease rainfall. A lack of rain can cause drought. Droughts are likely to become more frequent in the future.

Set 4





Cyclones and other extreme weather events bring strong winds, waves and low-pressure conditions. A 1-hectopascal drop in atmospheric pressure causes a 1-cm sea level rise. Therefore, they can cause marine submersions (coastal flooding), on top of the sea level rise already caused by global warming.

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Some animals carry diseases. Global warming causes them to migrate, possibly reaching human populations that have no immunity against these diseases.

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Pteropods and coccolithophores are at the base of the ocean food chain. If they are driven to extinction, all marine biodiversity will be threatened. Warming ocean waters also impacts marine biodiversity.

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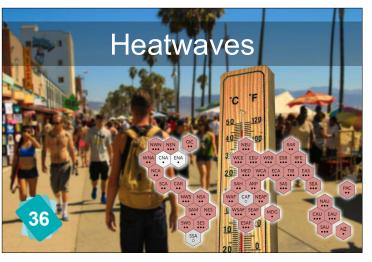
Cyclones draw their energy from warm water at the surface of the ocean. They are getting stronger because of global warming.





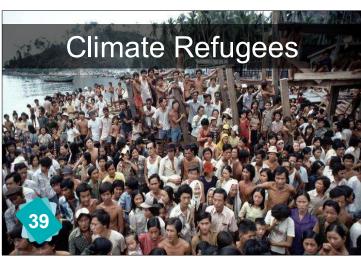


Pteropods are a type of zooplankton and coccolithophores a type of phytoplankton. These organisms have calcareous shells.



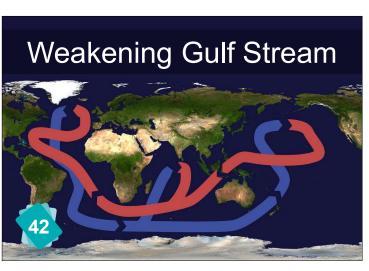


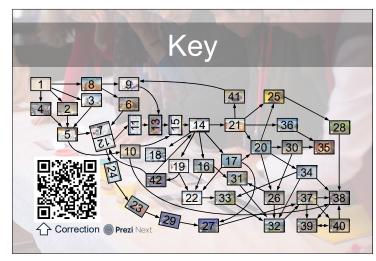
















The Gulf Stream is part of the ocean's thermohaline circulation. It could weaken in response to freshwater input from Greenland's melting ice sheet. This could disrupt the water cycle even more and reduce the ocean's capacity to absorb more carbon and heat.

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Imagine that you live in a place that has been miraculously spared from climate change. Several billion people may wish to share this space with you.

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We shouldn't let it come to this

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Permafrost is permanently frozen ground. It is starting to thaw, releasing into the atmosphere previously locked-in methane and CO<sub>2</sub> from decomposed biomass. This creates a positive feedback loop, just like forest fires and albedo changes due to melting sea ice.

Set 5





One consequence of higher temperatures is more frequent heatwaves.





Famines can be caused by lower agricultural yields and by the loss of marine biodiversity.

Set 5





Hunger, new vectors of disease, heatwaves and armed conflicts can have a negative effect on human health

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