

what you can do

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Act on climate change now. Make it your personal mission to make a difference. Write to your local Member of Parliament and tell them what you think about a sustainable future and what you have been doing to reduce carbon emissions at home and at school. It may inspire them. The most important thing you can do is to use less electricity. Help reduce the power bill at home and see if your family can change to 'green power' – electricity from renewable energy sources rather than coal-fired power plants. Solar energy, like the wind, waves and falling water, is free and always available. It might cost more at first, but it saves money in the long-term – and it will save the planet. You decide.



If you leave an electric towel rail on all the time, it can generate up to a tonne of greenhouse gas each year.



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and the answer is?

We need to find ways to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels for our energy needs. Wind farms can produce energy from the wind by turning enormous turbines that create electricity. The wind power is part of 'green energy' and, so far as we know, it's always going to be available. Solar power is another renewable source of energy. There is a new money-making industry developing around the emerging technologies that deliver renewable energy. Maybe when you leave school you can study environmental engineering. Who knows, you might just come up with the next great invention for a sustainable energy source that doesn't produce carbon emissions. The future is in your hands - use your imagination.



What job would you like to do to make a real and lasting positive impact on the environment?