



Caring for the Planet

Symbol Book



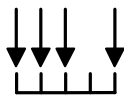
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Our Earth



has many



environmental



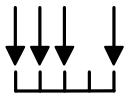
problems.



Humans



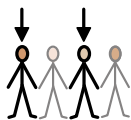
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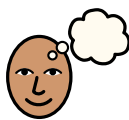
many of these



problems.



Some people



think



there are too many



people



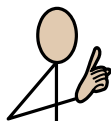
here.



More



people



need



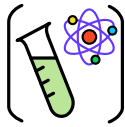
more



resources.



Harmful



chemicals



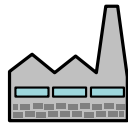
pollute



the environment.



Cars,

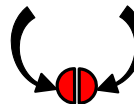


factories

and



waste



produce



pollution.



Pollution



affects



the air,



water

and



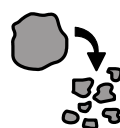
soil.



Pollution

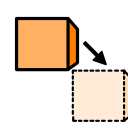


takes a long time



to break down

and



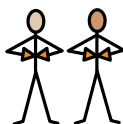
disappear.



The ozone layer is part of the Earth's atmosphere.



It is like an invisible blanket around the Earth.



It protects us from the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays.



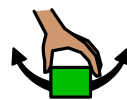
It is important for all life on Earth.



The ozone layer is becoming thinner.



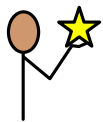
Human activity is causing this, such as



using



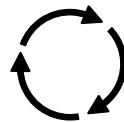
aerosols.



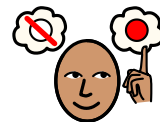
It is important to try to make



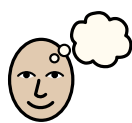
sustainable



choices.



Sustainability means thinking about



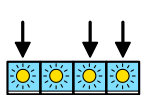
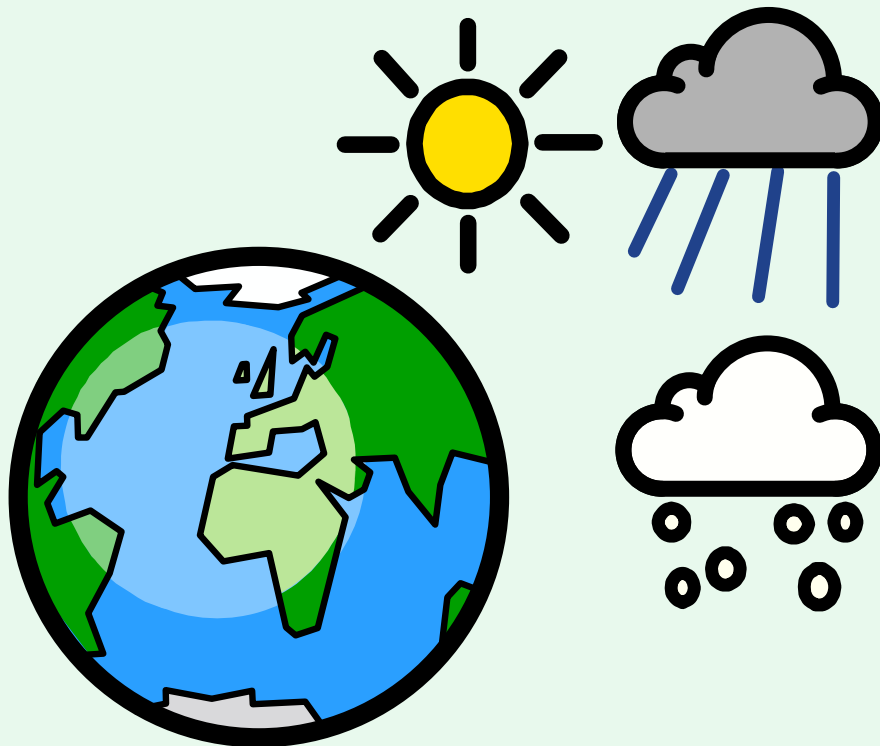
how



to protect



the planet.



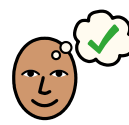
General



weather patterns



around the world



are known as



climate.



The Earth's climate

is



getting



hotter.



Pollution



causes



harmful gases



to be released



into the atmosphere.



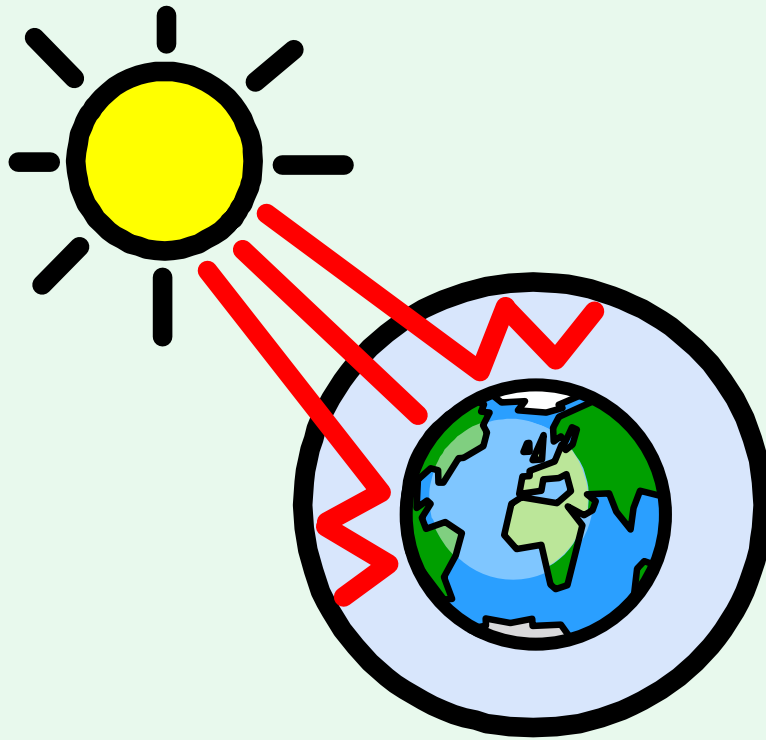
These gases



are called



greenhouse gases.



Greenhouse gases



create



an invisible



blanket



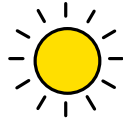
around the Earth.



The gases



stop



the sun's



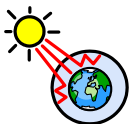
heat



escaping into



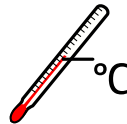
the atmosphere.



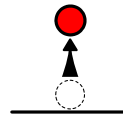
This is causing



the Earth's



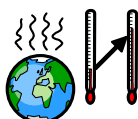
temperature



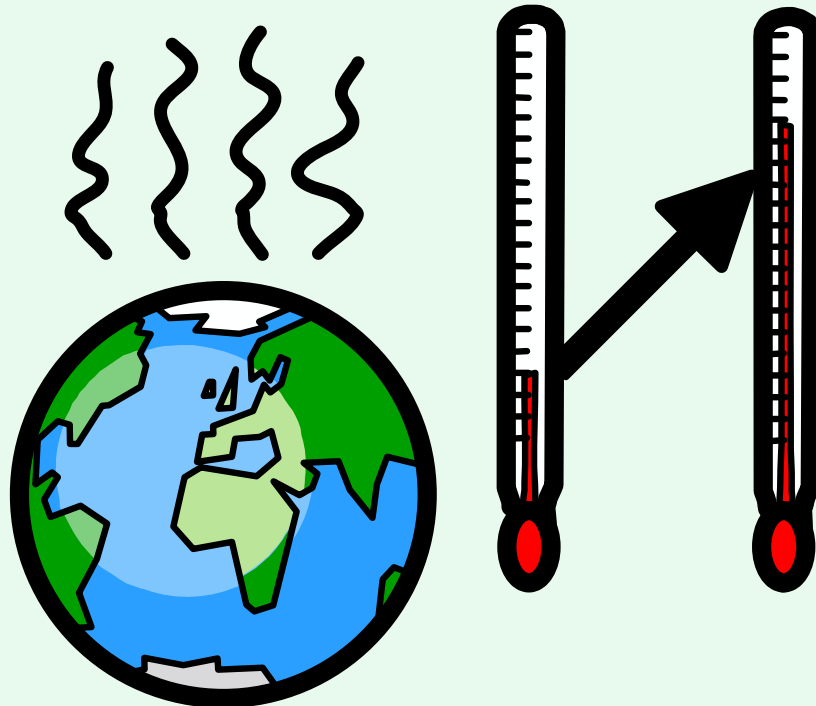
to rise.


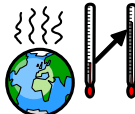


This is known as

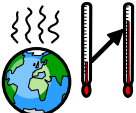
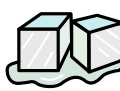



global warming.


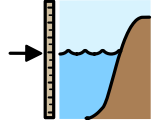
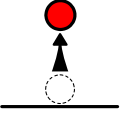



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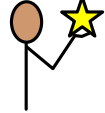
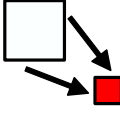


 Greenhouse gases cause global warming.


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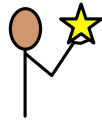
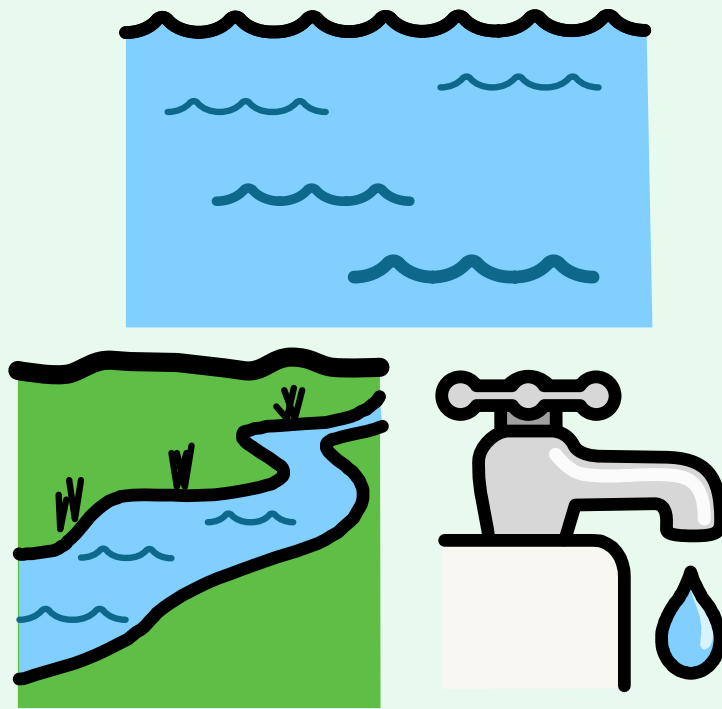
 Global warming causes ice to melt.


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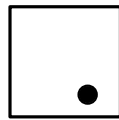
 This causes sea levels to rise.


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 It is important to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



Water is important for all life on our planet.



Clean water is becoming more scarce and expensive.

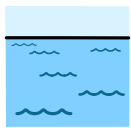
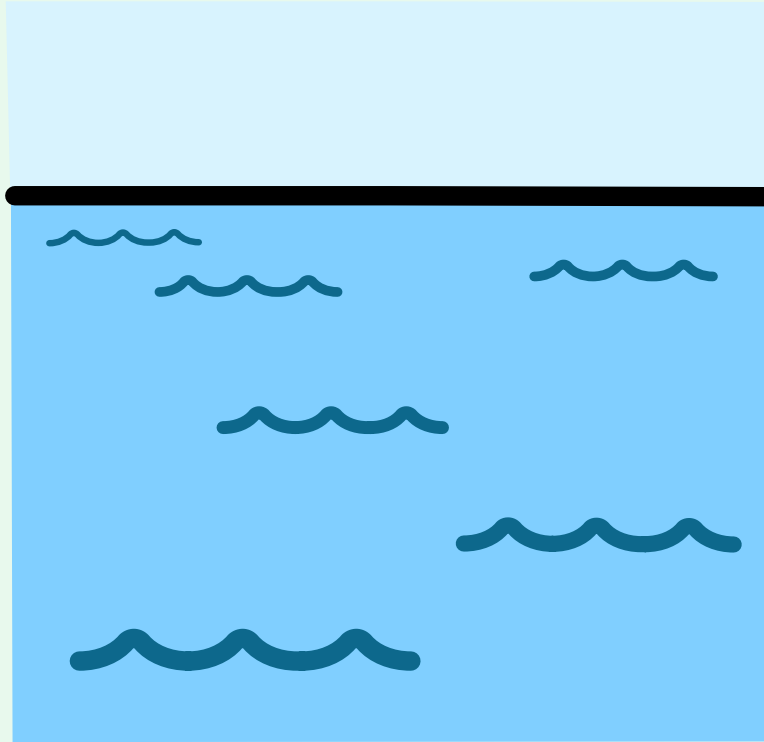
25%



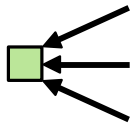
25% of people do not have enough water to drink.



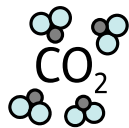
It is important to conserve water.



Oceans



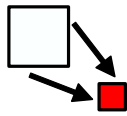
absorb



carbon dioxide.



This helps



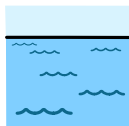
to reduce



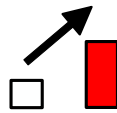
greenhouse gases.



However it causes



the oceans



to become



pH 1 → 6

more acidic.



This is bad

for



marine life.



Oil

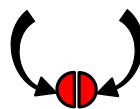
+

and



natural gas

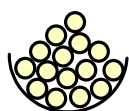
are used



to make



plastic.



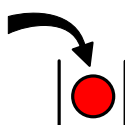
Most



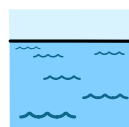
waste



plastic



goes into



the sea.



Plastic



can harm

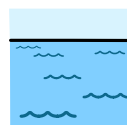


wildlife



on land

and



in the sea.



Plastic

can take

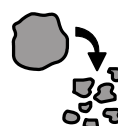
100

hundreds

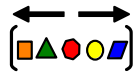
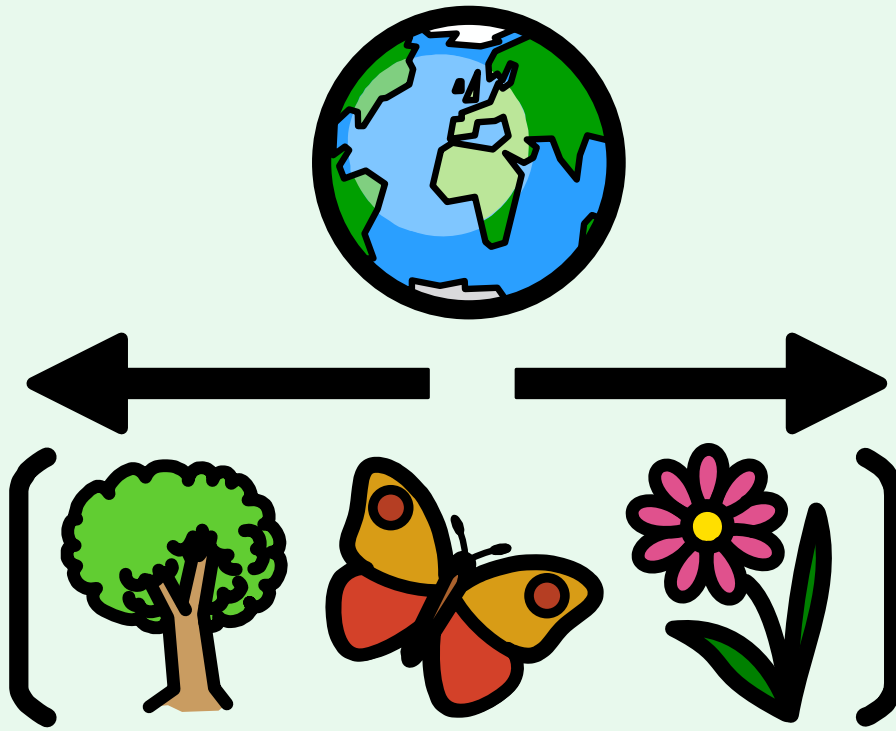
of



years



to decompose.



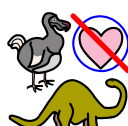
Biodiversity is the variety of plants and animals that exist.



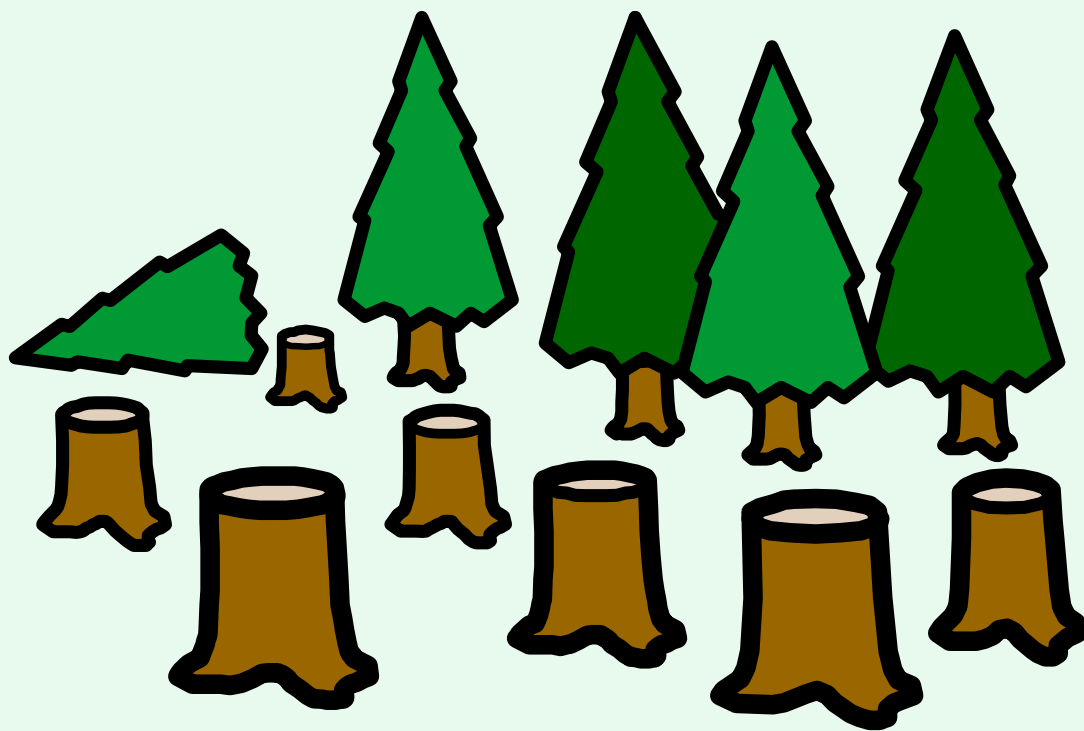
Pollution and human activity harm wildlife.



Pollution severely affects animal habitats.



As species become extinct, the level of biodiversity decreases.



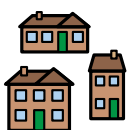
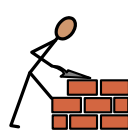
Cutting down trees and forests is called deforestation.



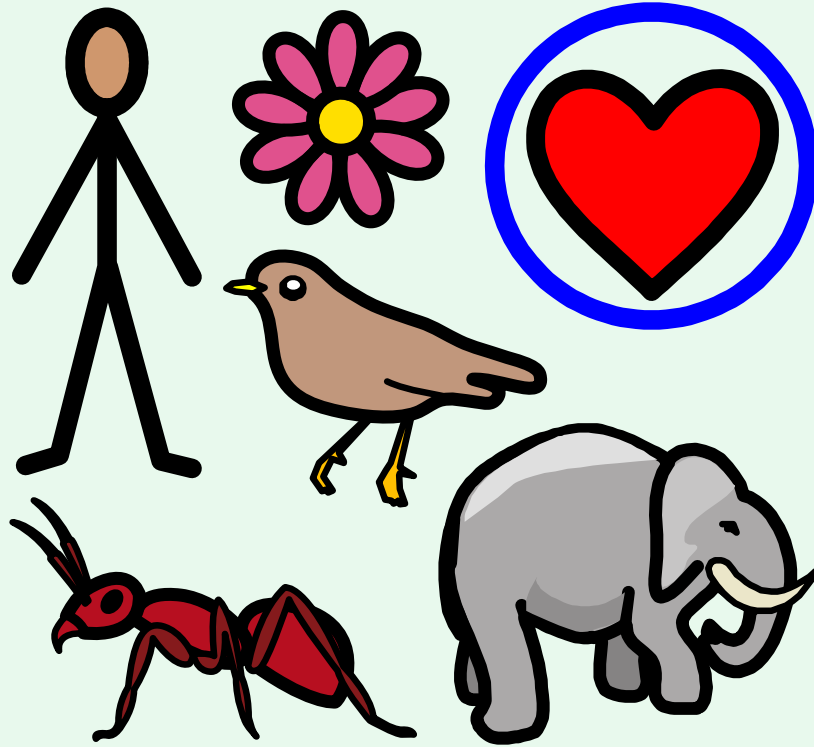
We clear forests to create space.







We clear forests to grow crops.









We clear forests to build homes.

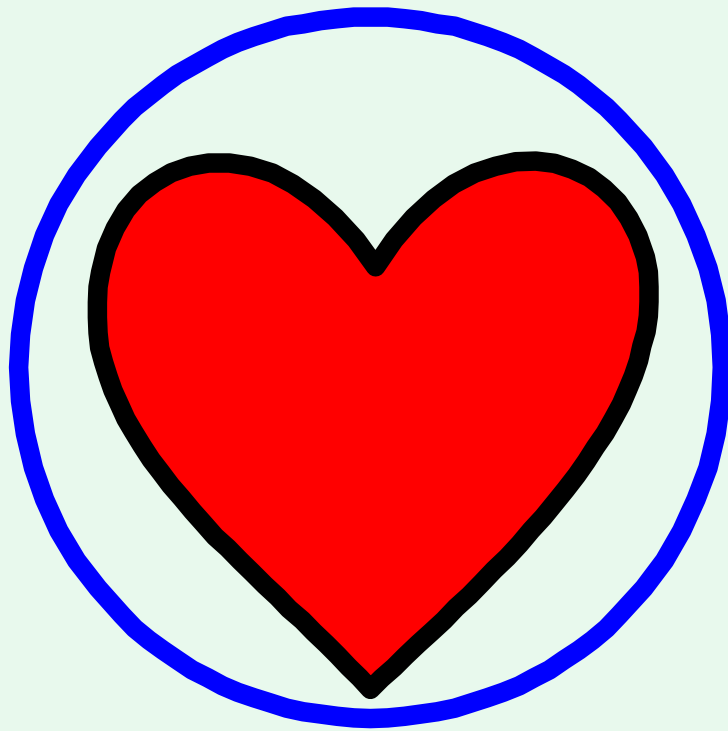




 Fewer trees can harm the planet.

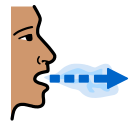


 Fewer trees means less habitats.



 Fewer trees means more pollution.

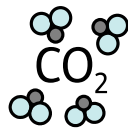




 Trees are important for all life on Earth.



People



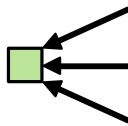
breathe out



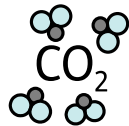
carbon dioxide.



Trees



absorb



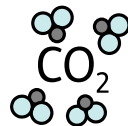
carbon dioxide.



Trees



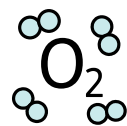
convert



carbon dioxide



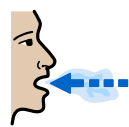
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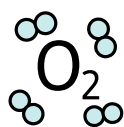
oxygen.



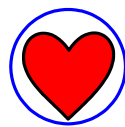
People



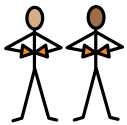
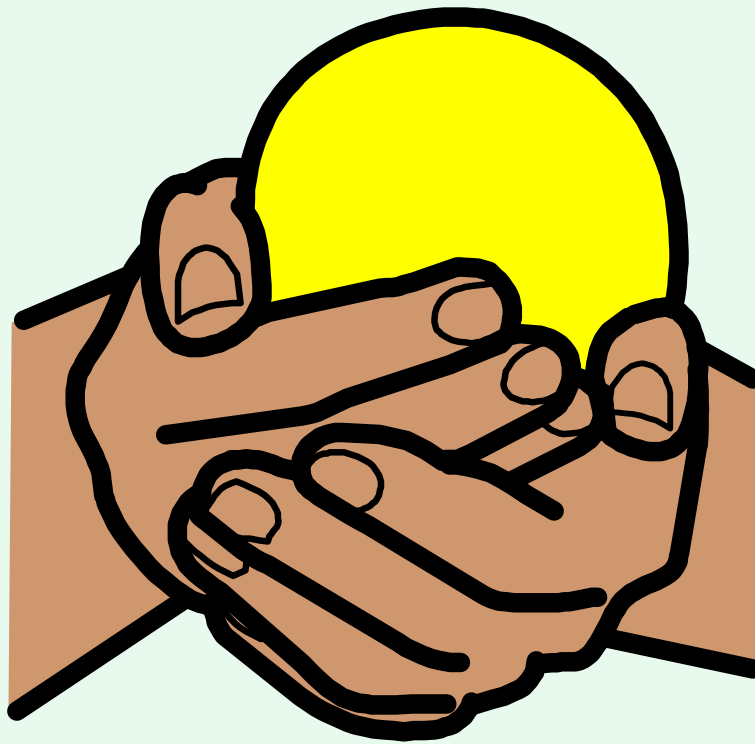
breathe in



oxygen



to survive.



We can



work together



to make



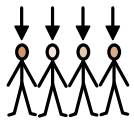
the planet



a better



place.



Everyone



has a responsibility



to care for



our planet.



Caring for



nature



helps



keep our world



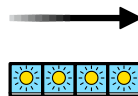
healthy.



This helps



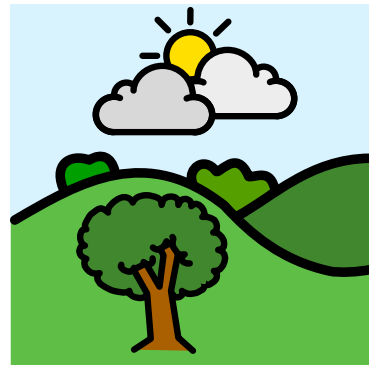
protect our world



for the future.



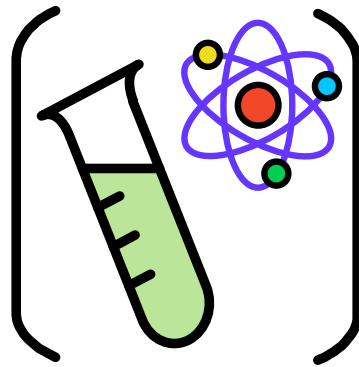
Earth



environment



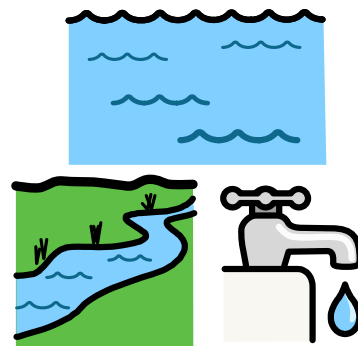
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chemicals



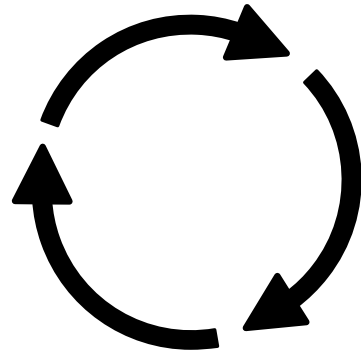
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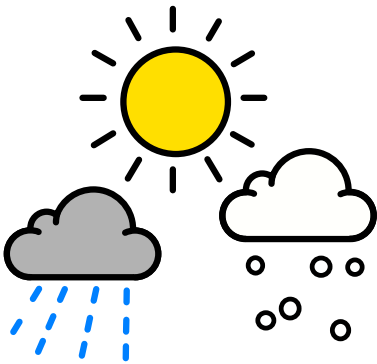
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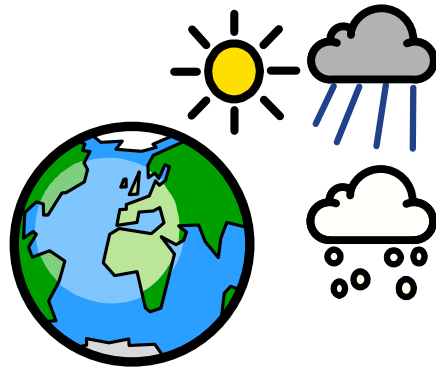
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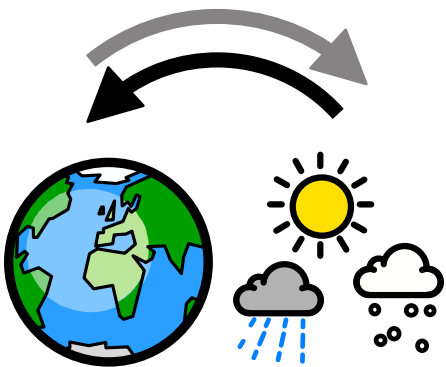
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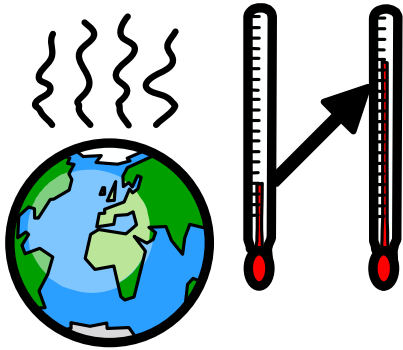
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climate change



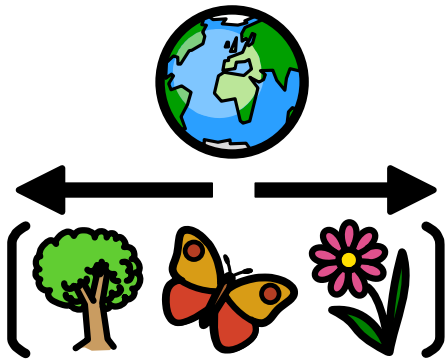
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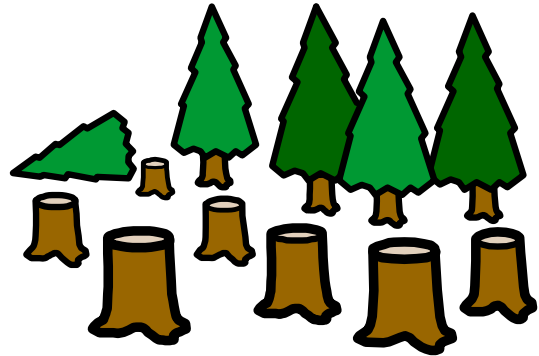
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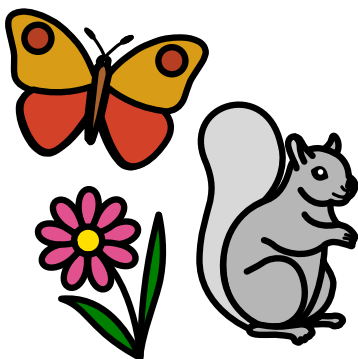
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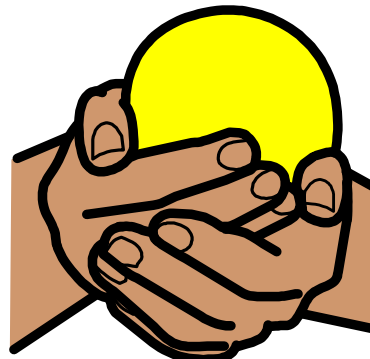
biodiversity



deforestation



wildlife



care