

Annex 1: Change the Story. Examples of local change – prompts.

The following are typical examples of past and present climate change directly affecting local communities. You might find these useful as prompts for pupils. Please feel free to add more examples (or to invite the children to do so).

Local changes in the past (these might be recalled for example by older members of the community: these could also be supplemented by secondary sources).

- More people have cars
- Fewer trees
- More factories
- People driving to big supermarkets
- Local small shops closing
- More variety in the shops
- Milk no longer coming from local farms
- More people working further away
- People have more TVs and other electronic goods
- Mobile phones (and masts) but fewer landlines
- Farmers using tractors instead of horses
- More intensive farming

- Summers were warmer in the past
- Better houses
- Indoor toilets
- Central heating in homes
- People using the internet
- More people travelling abroad on holiday

Please feel free to add more examples

Recent changes that might be a result of climate crisis

- More floods
- More trees dying
- Wetter winters
- Less snow
- Warmer winters
- Wetter summers
- Drier hotter summers
- Farmers having to change crops that they grow
- More insect pests
- Some plants flowering earlier

- Fewer bees
- Streams drying up
- Fewer insects on windscreens
- Hosepipe bans in summer

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Local examples of ways in which people are doing something about climate crisis

- Farmer putting up a wind generator
- Local homeowner putting solar panels on their roof
- Local company making wind generators
- Farmer with a bio-digestion system
- Builder constructing houses with extra insulation
- A family growing its own food on an allotment
- A local Cycle Repair Shop
- Someone who uses an electric bike instead of using their car
- Someone with an electric car
- Someone who only uses public transport
- People planting trees

- The school has an energy monitoring scheme
- Smart metering
- School with Ashden or Eco Schools Award
- An orchard or tree-planting project
- Making bug hotels
- Creating a wild area in school
- Conserving hedgerows and verges
- Planting willows near a river or stream

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