

# What to do against global warming and climate change



Homes aren't the only greenhouse gas producers. Every litre of petrol you use driving your car releases 2 Kg of greenhouse gas into the Earth's atmosphere. By keeping your car tyres well pumped up, you will improve fuel consumption and save money at the same time. If possible, make your next car a hybrid or an electric vehicle (EV) [...]

Car pooling is a good way to reduce your car use and make friends at the same time. Better yet, leave your car at home and walk, cycle or use public transport. They all save on energy use and provide exercise. My friend even passed a university unit solely by reading and doing his assignments on the bus! [...]



Everything we use takes energy to make, so reduce, re-use, and recycle as much as possible. Recycling many metals and plastics uses less energy than to make from raw materials. Every year 500 billion plastic bags are distributed. Most of this plastic can take up to 1000 years to breakdown and just ends up in landfills that emit harmful greenhouse gases. The solution is simple, use a cloth bag for shopping instead of the plastic throw away bags and if you don't need it in the first place, don't buy it. [...]

My family and I have changed our lives. We now live better and are happier with less. This year mum, dad and I pledged not to travel by air (therefore now take more holidays within our beautiful state of Western Australia), we catch public transport (this means I get to enjoy reading more often), we work less hours because our lives are now about more than just acquiring material possessions.



One thing is certain, if we act now to put the brakes on climate change, we can look forward to the future with excitement rather than fear. Don't ever let anyone tell you that you can't make a difference. All of us can make a huge difference if we are willing to change our consumption habits and tell others about global warming and climate change.

## English Test

1- Choose the correct answer and justify with a quotation: /2

i- The narrator is: a- an orphan b- motherless c- fatherless d- lives with her parents.

ii- The narrator may live in: a- Perth b- Darwin c- Canberra

2- **Voc:** Find the **translations** of these words / expressions in the text (*in the right order*). **Indicate the line.** /5

a- gaz à effet de serre

d- le co-voiturage

g- décharges

j- freiner

b- rejeter

e- économiser

h- en tissu

k- habitude...

c- pneus

f- autant que

i- jurer

...de consommation

3- From the information in the text, make **5 pieces of advice** against global warming. /5

4- **According to you**, what are the **drawbacks** of the actions against climate change? /3

5- What are the **advantages** of the actions against climate change? **Quote 3 sentences from the text** to justify your answer /3

6- What is the tone of the text? Optimistic or pessimistic ? **Explain in your own words and quote one sentence** to justify your choice /2

7- What is your opinion about climate change and the environment? What kind of citizen (*citoyen*) are you? /5 (80 – 100 words)

