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Garry: Hello, everyone! And welcome to the Our Happy Planet Talk Show. We're here with Professor Julie Bright, a scientist and expert on climate change.

Julie: Thanks, Garry.

Garry: So, Julie, in your opinion, do we do enough to keep our planet healthy?

Julie: Actually, I think that the world is going to end in the next 100 years?

Garry: It's because we've already done too much damage to the planet, and now that damage is permanent. In my opinion, we're past the point of trying to protect the planet. Now we should try to save ourselves.

1) **What are they doing?**
   a) They are singing
   b) They are interviewing
   c) They are reporting

2) **TOPIC is about _____.**
   a) protect the planet
   b) to keep our planet healthy
   c) the damage of the planet

Your answers:

1)

2)

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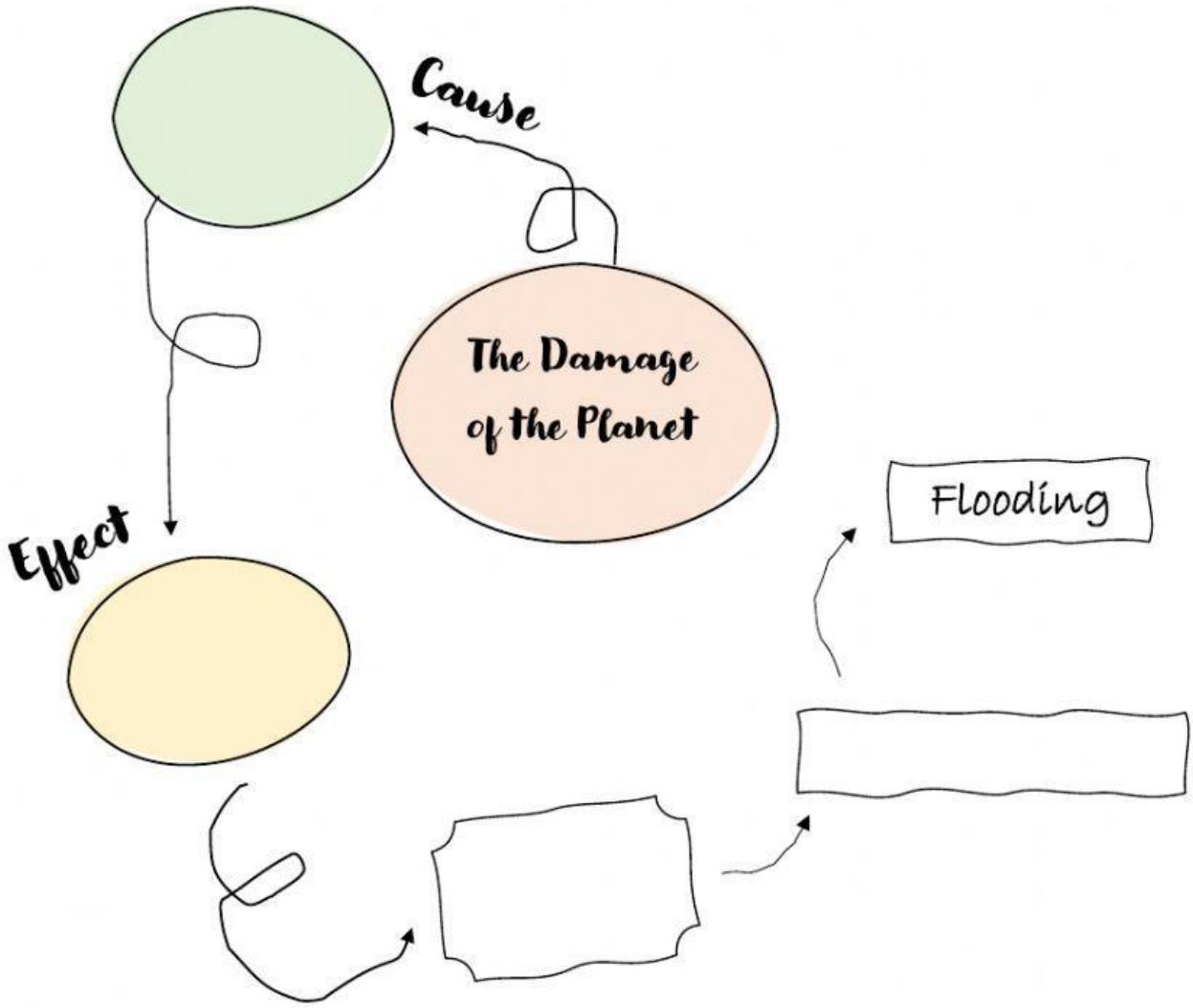
2 **Julie:** Well, the cause is pollution, and its effect is climate change. It's destroying our planet, and it will continue to do so. It's to the point that we cannot stop it. It's causing the ice caps to melt. [A] Soon they will all disappear. This in turn will cause sea levels to rise. [B] It's predicted that the sea levels will rise another 48 centimeters by the year 2050. This will flood many coastal cities. They will be lost forever beneath the water. Flooding isn't the only problem being caused by climate change either. Climate change is causing drought, famine, fires, and other disaster to happen more often all over the world. [C] The bottom line is: we're losing the fight against climate change. (Write down your answers)



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3 **Garry:** But, Professor, if we stop polluting the environment, can't we prevent these disasters that you are predicting?

Julie: Hmm... Well, it couldn't hurt. But, in order for us to make a real difference, we'd have to stop polluting the planet now. Climate change is a problem for all people living now. It's not a problem for our kids or our kids' kids.

Comprehension (True or False)

1) Julie believes the damage done to the planet is permanent. _____

2) Melting ice caps cause droughts, famines, fires, etc. _____

3) Sea levels have risen 48 centimeters. _____

4) Julie thinks natural disaster cannot be prevented. _____

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