



## OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

1. Watch the video and answer the questions below:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8q7\\_aV8eLUE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8q7_aV8eLUE)

Complete:

- Our carbon footprint is the mark we leave upon the \_\_\_\_\_
- The more \_\_\_\_\_ we use, the bigger our carbon footprint.

True or false?

- We have objects at home that do not leave a carbon footprint.

TRUE FALSE

2. Visit this link to calculate your carbon footprint:

<https://kids.lovetoknow.com/kids-activities/carbon-footprint-calculator-kids~17?question>

What was your result?

Watch the following video about how you can reduce your carbon footprint. Then take a look at the image below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XdI5Vht0sO8>

## 10 TIPS FOR REDUCING YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT



1. Carpooling at least once a week.
2. Go one week without using disposable cups given to you at coffee shops.
3. Try turning off the lights in an empty room at home or in your dorm.
4. Instead of eating lunch on campus try packing a waste-free (meaning no plastic) lunch.
5. Unplug your computer every night for one month if you have a computer.
6. Use only cold water to do your laundry for one month.
7. Try skipping a trip to the store and shop online.
8. Try reducing your printing a little bit each day and only print what is absolutely necessary.
9. Cut your shower time by two minutes for one month.
10. Reduce your bottled water consumption for seven days.

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### 3. Write a short essay about your carbon footprint

Include the following information:

Do you think our carbon footprint is a serious problem? Why?

Do you think your carbon footprint is big? What activities you do produce a lot of CO2?

What things can you do to reduce it?

What things will you do this week to reduce your carbon footprint?