

WHAT IS THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT?

A. The problem



Many , e.g. carbon dioxide, methane and ozone, naturally and are needed to

the greenhouse effect that keeps the Earth warm enough to

human life. However, the use of ,

e.g. , natural gas and coal, has produced

amounts of greenhouse gases, and the is : an increase in

the average temperature on Earth. Of the 15 warmest years ,

14 have since 2000. The of can already

be seen in our everyday lives. Summers are getting hotter and winters are getting wetter, so

and are becoming more common. With it, animal and plant life is – some species will disappear altogether – and certain illnesses, e.g. hay fever, asthma and skin cancer, are becoming more common.

To stop global warming from our , we need to act now.

B. The solution* – or part of it

To _____ global warming [make it less], the nations of the world will have to
together
[do something to solve a problem; *syn* _____]. In the meantime, individuals can
also help.

SIX WAYS TO REDUCE GLOBAL WARMING

1. Don't _____ things _____ – _____ paper, glass, plastic, etc. so
that it can be used again.
2. _____ e.g. _____ lights when you leave a room.
3. Don't _____ water, e.g. turn off the _____ when you are brushing
your teeth.
4. Change _____ for more _____ ones.
5. Drive less and walk more.
6. _____ because trees reduce the _____ of carbon dioxide in
the atmosphere, and so reduce greenhouse gases.