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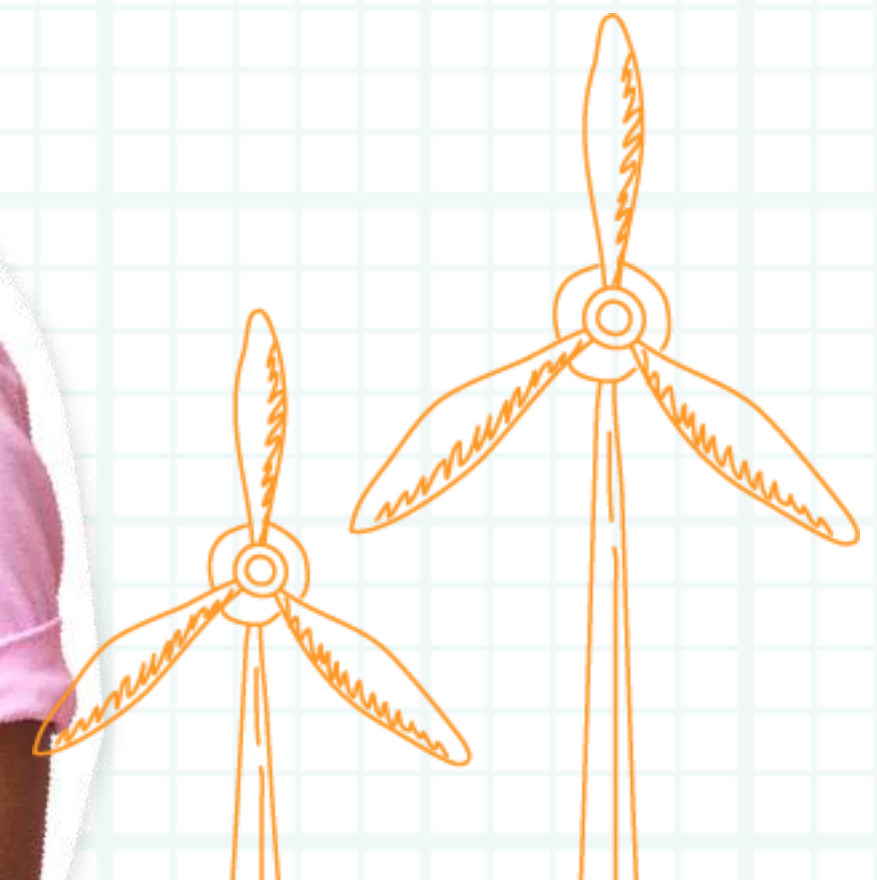
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# VOICES FOR A GREEN FUTURE

**Educational pack**  
**Years 7-11**



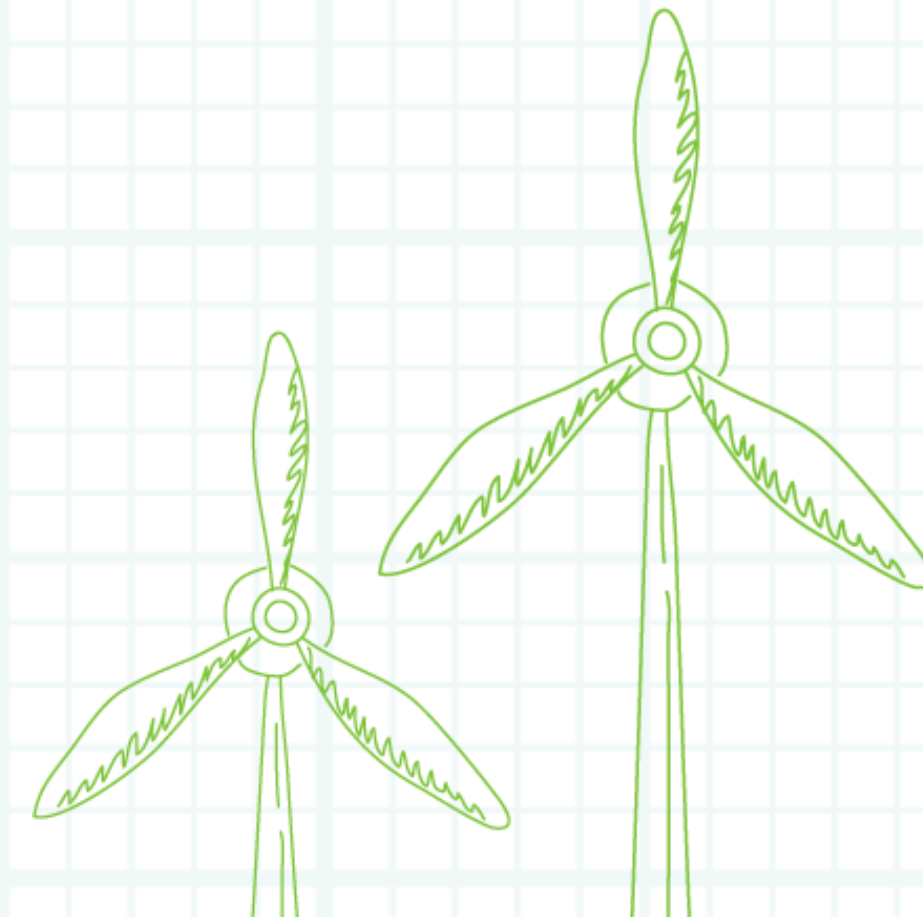
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# What we'll cover

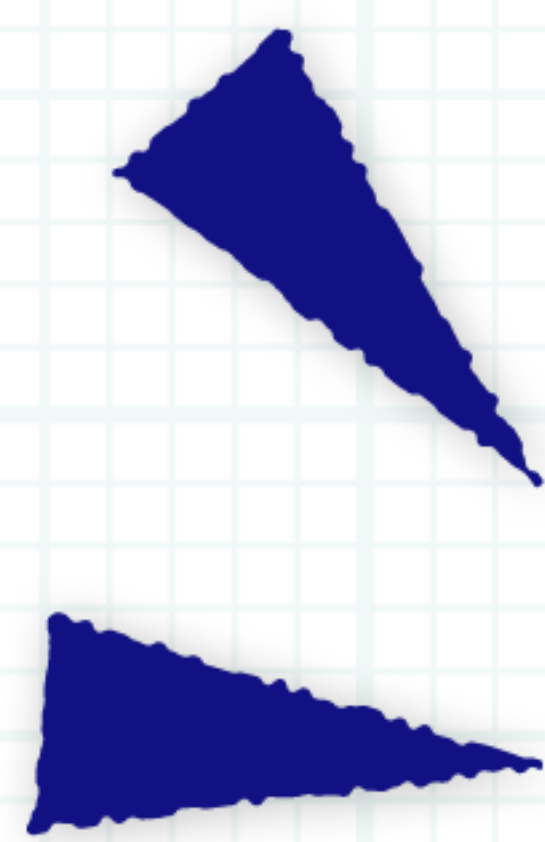
1. What is National Grid?
2. Why are we talking about energy?
3. What action are we taking?
4. What is climate change?
5. What is COP26?
6. Voices for a Green Future – how to get your voice heard at COP26





# A question for you

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If you were in charge of the country, what would YOU do to help solve climate change and look after the planet?



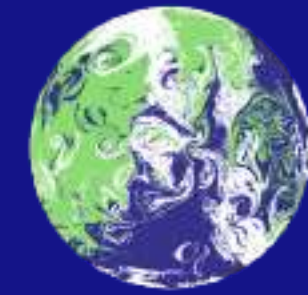
# What would you do?





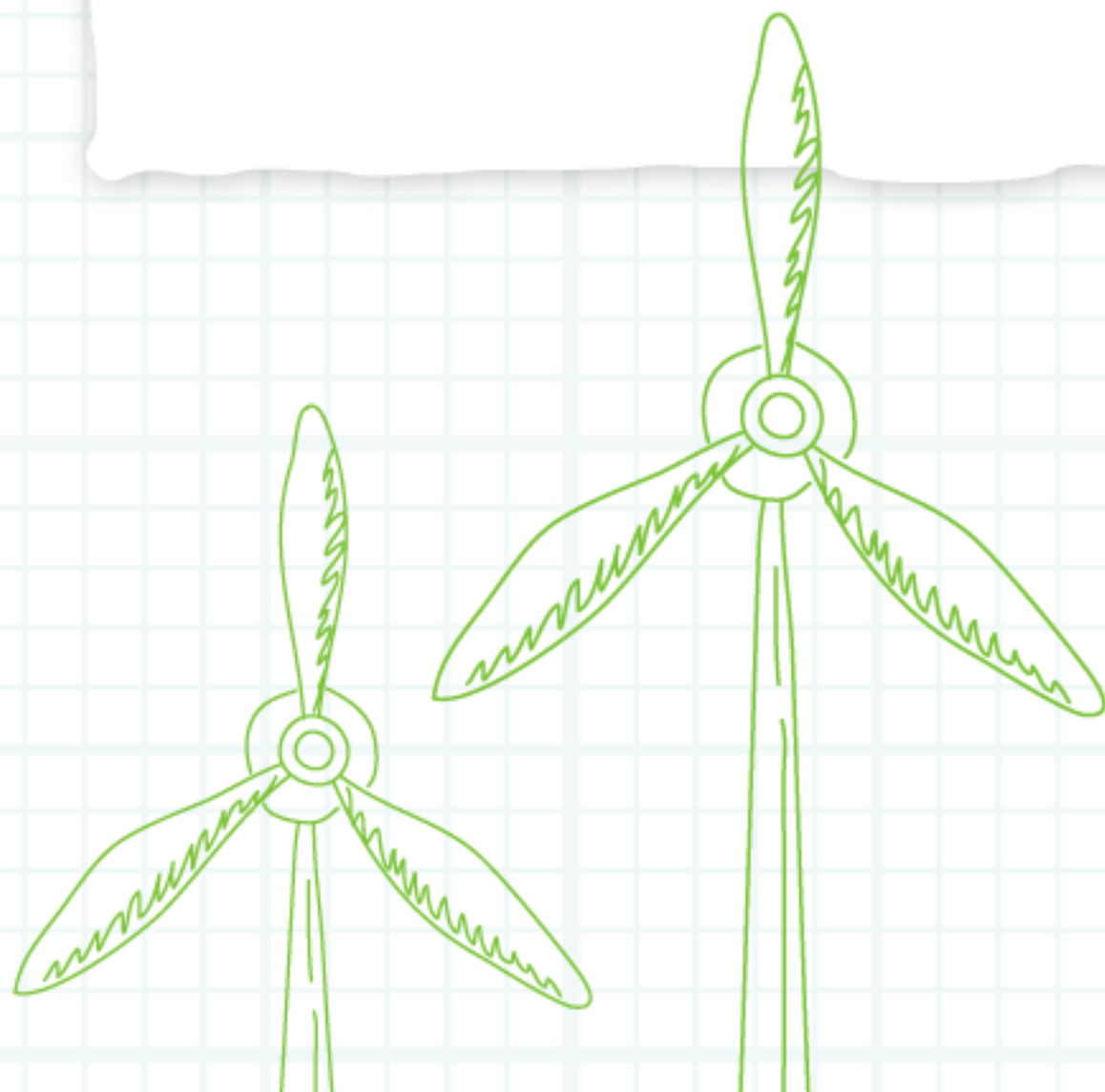
# What is National Grid?

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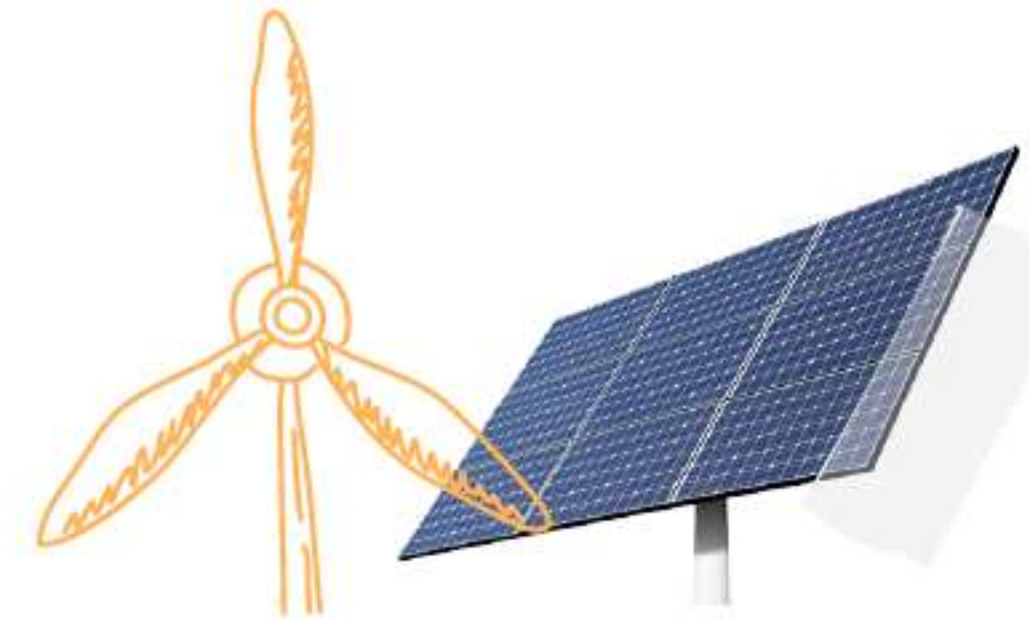
# Ever wondered...



**Who sends  
electricity to the  
lights in your room?**



**Where the gas  
comes from to  
heat your home?**



**How wind and solar  
power are used?**





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Did you  
know?





# Did you know...

**4,481 MILES**

of overhead  
electricity lines



THAT'S THE SAME  
DISTANCE FROM  
**CARDIFF TO CUBA!**



**1,391 MILES**

of underground  
electricity cables



THAT'S THE SAME  
DISTANCE FROM **LONDON**  
**TO NAPLES, ITALY**

**4,740 MILES**

of gas pipes



THAT'S THE SAME  
DISTANCE FROM  
**MANCHESTER TO TEXAS**



**1,430 KM**

of sub-sea cables,  
importing enough  
energy to power 8M  
homes (by 2024)



THAT'S THE SAME  
DISTANCE FROM  
**BIRMINGHAM TO**  
**MOROCCO**

THE SYSTEM OPERATOR  
MOVES OVER **7306WH** OF  
HIGH VOLTAGE ELECTRICITY  
AROUND THE COUNTRY.

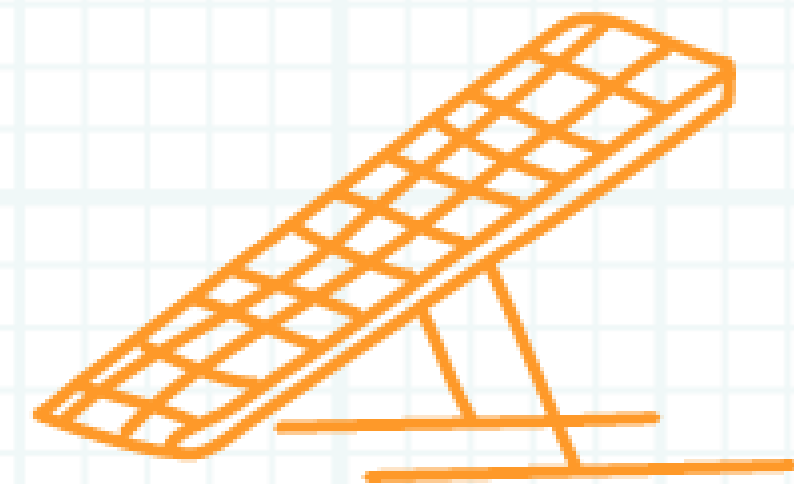
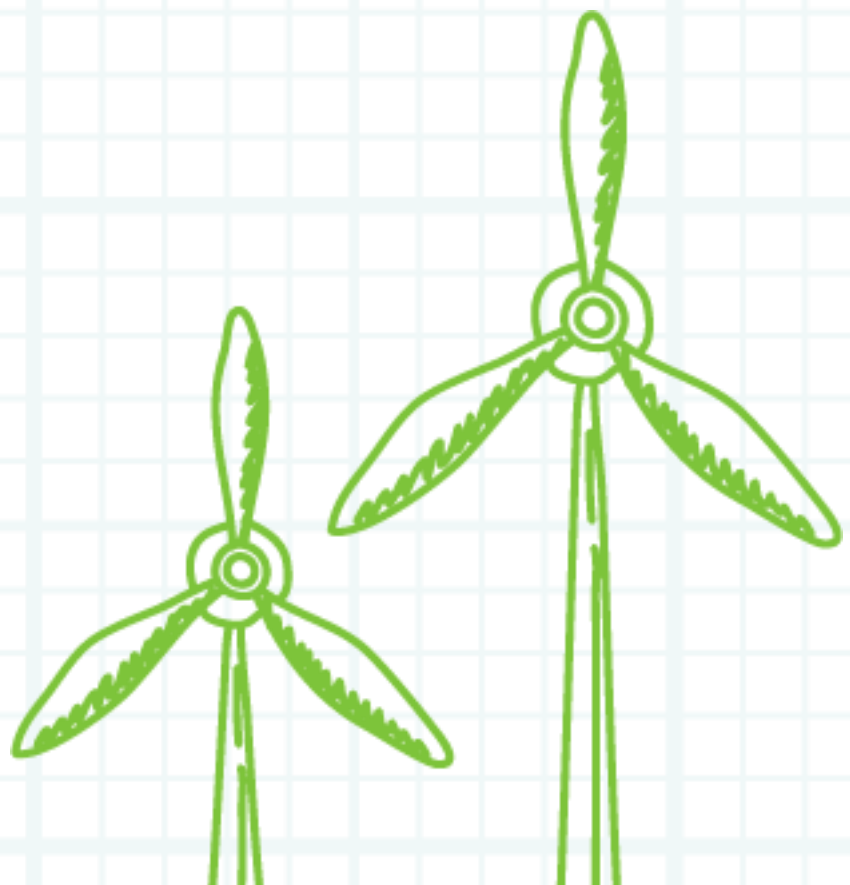
THAT'S ENOUGH TO  
POWER **146 BILLION**  
LIGHT BULBS!







# What is energy?

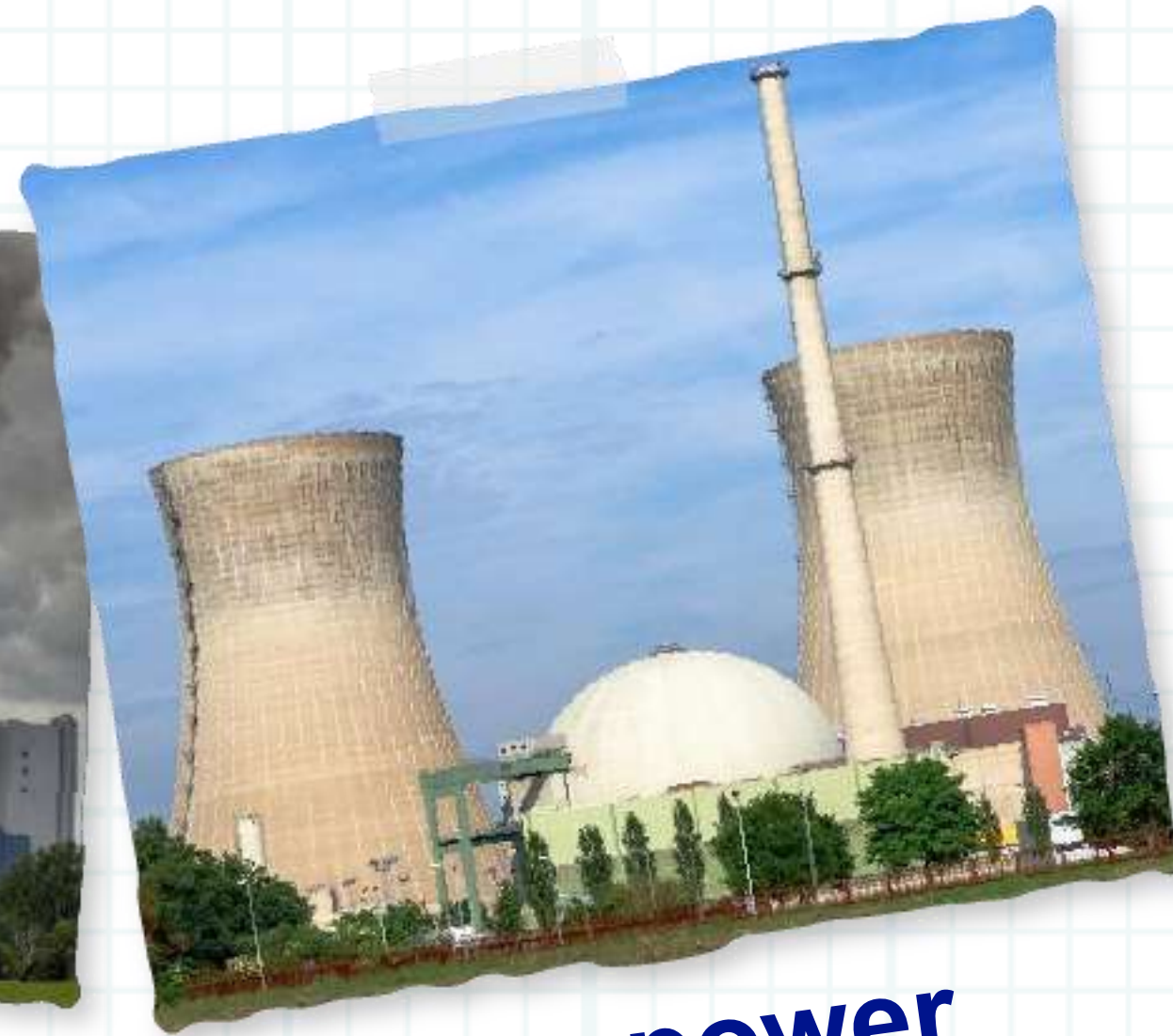




# Our six main sources of energy



**Power stations**  
(burning oil, gas, coal)



**Nuclear power**  
(chemical reaction)



**Hydro power**  
(water)



**Solar power**  
(sun)

**Biomass**  
(wood, plants, food waste)



**Wind power**





# What are greenhouse gases?



## Greenhouse gases are all around us

- Lots of things we do every day create them.
- They trap heat in our atmosphere, like a greenhouse.
- They stop our planet getting too cold, so we need a certain amount of them.
- But too much of them will make our planet get too warm.



# What is climate change?



**Climate change is in the news a lot, because it's happening right now.**

**You'll have seen how it affects penguins, polar bears and melting ice caps.**

**But it's about much more than that...**



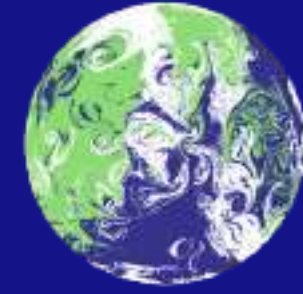


**CLIMATE CHANGE  
AFFECTS ALL OF US**





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**What does  
climate  
change  
mean for us?**





# True or false?

Here are some of the things people say about climate change...

**True or false?**

**‘The climate has always been changing. It’s no different now.’**



# True or false?

Here are some of the things people say about climate change...

**True or false?**

**‘It’s freezing outside – so much for global warming!’**



# True or false?

Here are some of the things people say about climate change...

**True or false?**

‘Carbon dioxide can’t be causing climate change – plants, crops and trees need it to grow.’



# True or false?

Here are some of the things people say about climate change...

**True or false?**

**'There's no way humans are responsible for climate change.'**



# True or false?

Here are some of the things people say about climate change...

**True or false?**

**‘The sun changing is what’s making the earth warmer, not us.’**



# True or false?

Here are some of the things people say about climate change...



**True or false?**



**‘There’s no point doing anything now. It’s all too late.’**



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**What's  
happening  
around the  
world?**





# The whole world needs to act fast to tackle climate change

Climate change is affecting every country on every continent. It's upsetting their economies and people's lives.

The weather is changing, becoming wetter, windier and warmer, and sea levels are rising.



Covid-19 slowed down climate change a little, but it's only temporary. We haven't pressed 'pause' on climate change.

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GO  
GREEN



# The whole world needs to act fast to tackle climate change



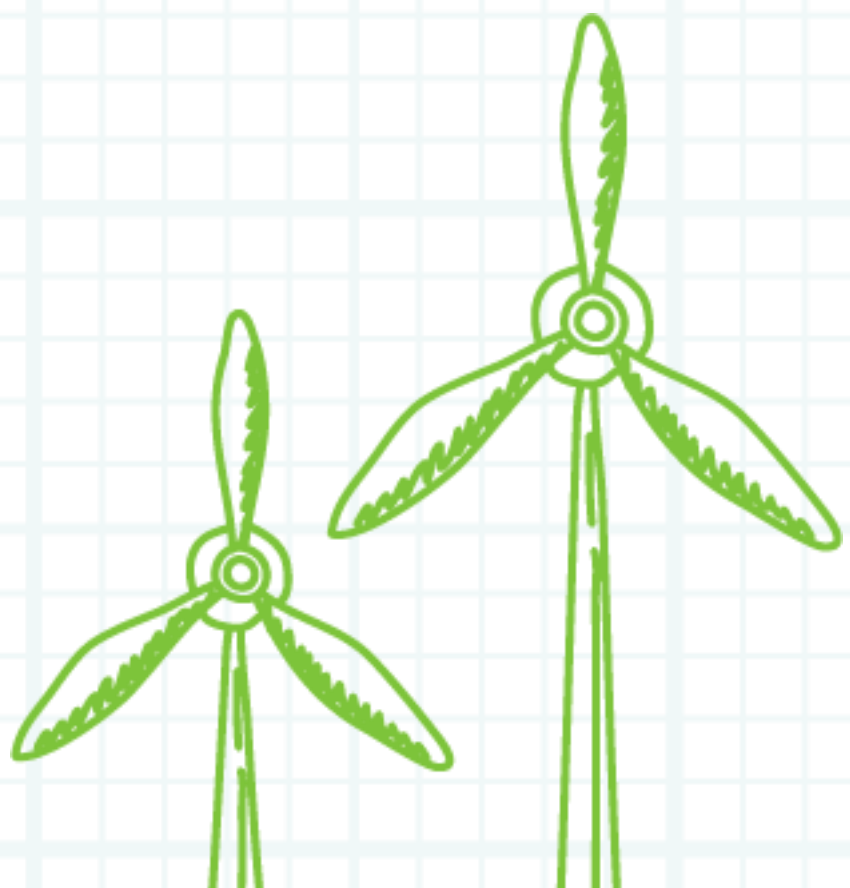
People everywhere are starting to take steps to make sure we leave the planet in better shape.

World leaders are also making commitments to control the rise in global temperatures.





**Why 1.5°C?**





# Getting to net zero

**Net zero is when the amount of greenhouse gases a company adds to the atmosphere is no more than the amount it takes away.**

## **Think about it like this...**

Climate change is like a bath filling up with water – we must not let it overflow.

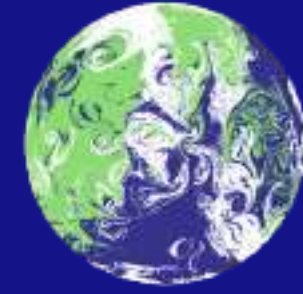
Slowing down the water helps, but it will still splash over the sides.

The only way to stop it is to turn off the tap, and pull out the plug.





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**What can we  
do to tackle  
climate  
change?**



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# What is a 'carbon footprint'?

Your carbon footprint is the amount of greenhouse gases your day-to-day activities release into the atmosphere.

You can use the [WWF calculator](#) to work out your carbon footprint.





# Things you can do right now!

**Unplug!**



**Walk, ride or scoot to school instead of going in the car.**



**Turn off lights, TVs and computers when you're not using them.**



**Switch to energy-saving bulbs in your home.**



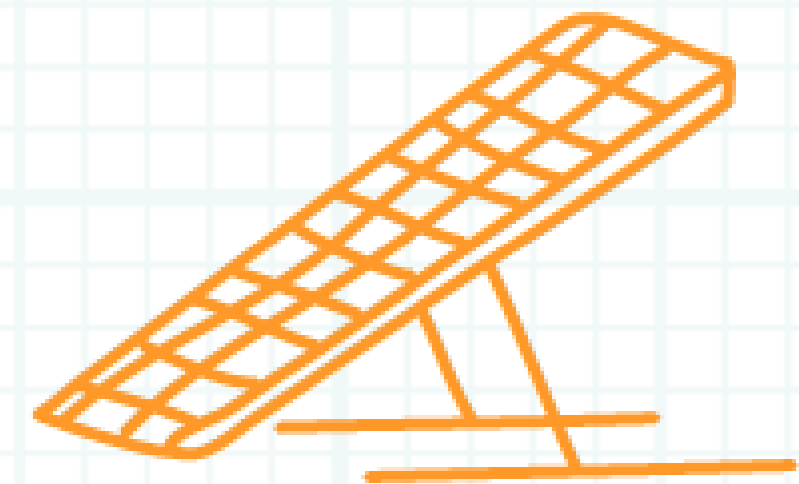
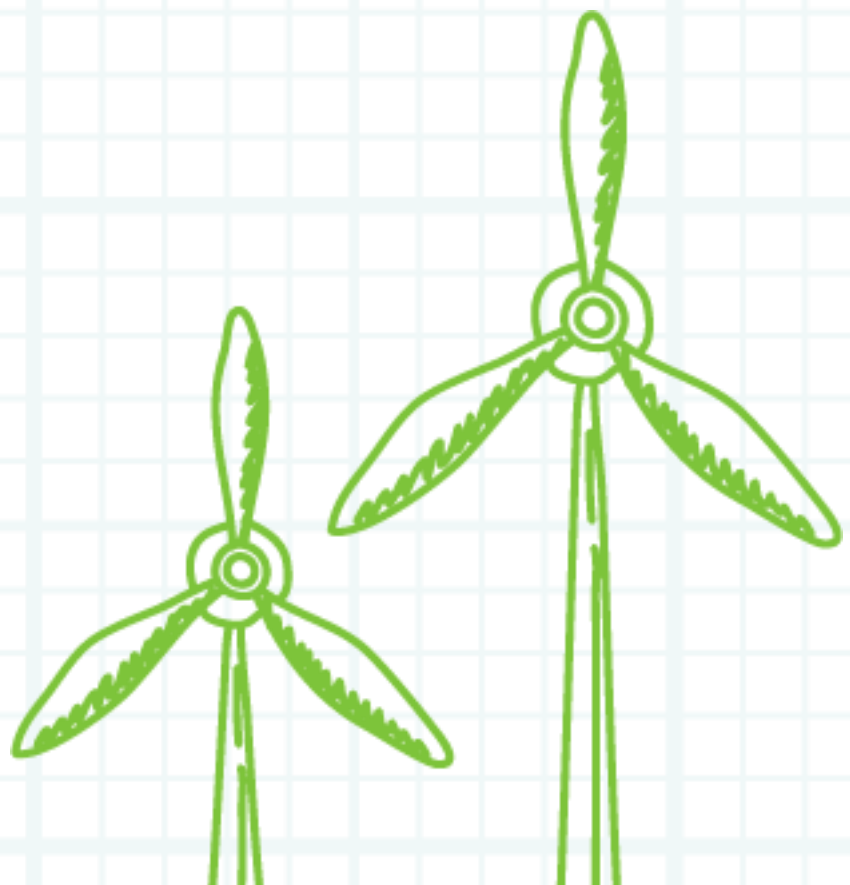
**Think about what's in your garden – maybe plant a tree, or even try growing your own fruit and vegetables.**







# What is COP26?





**COP26 takes place:  
1 – 12 November 2021**

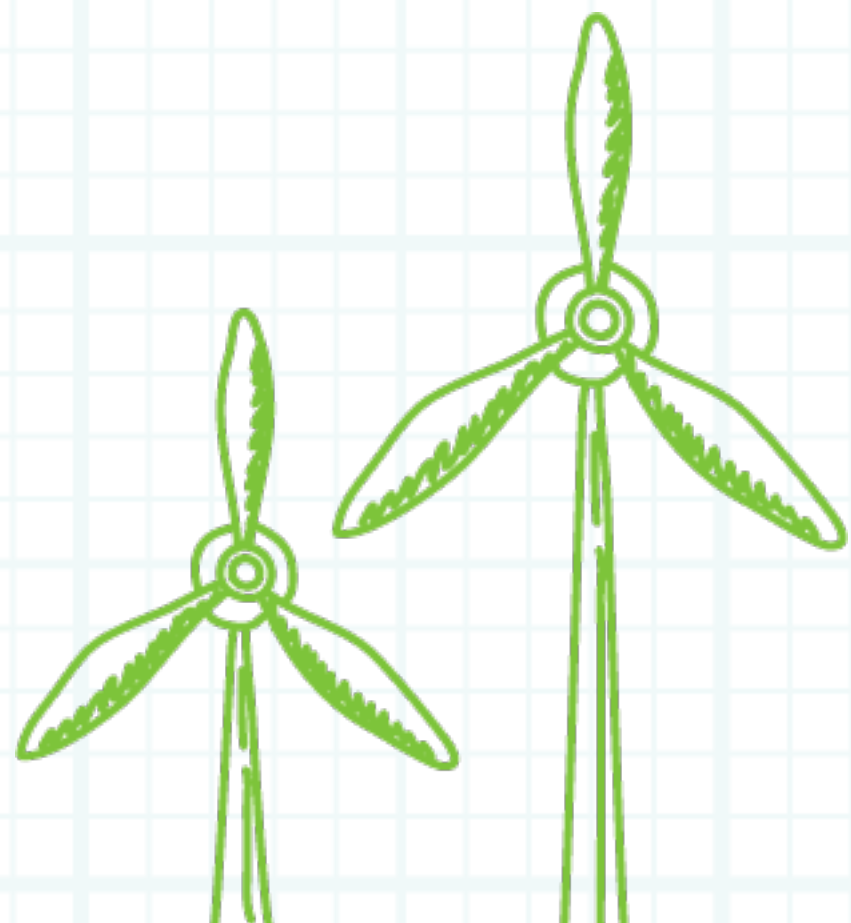
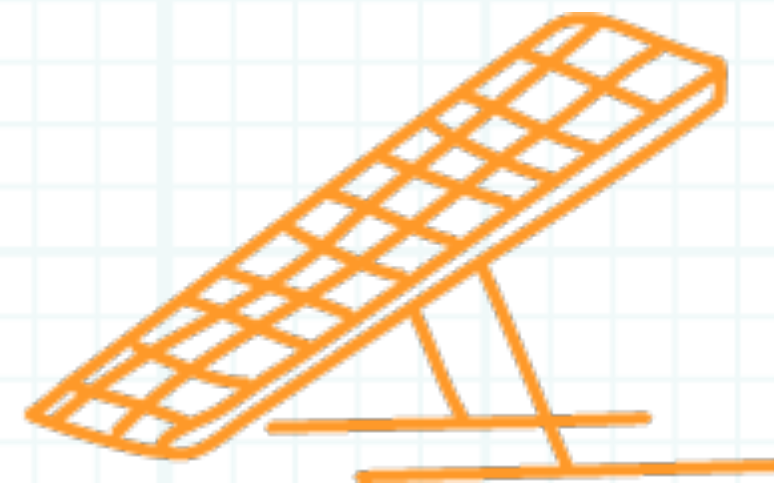
**At COP 2015 in Paris the parties adopted  
an international climate change treaty that  
agreed to limit global warming to well  
below 2 degrees each year**

**World leaders are meeting this year to  
assess the progress made so far and  
agree a process going forward**

**30,000 people are  
expected to attend**

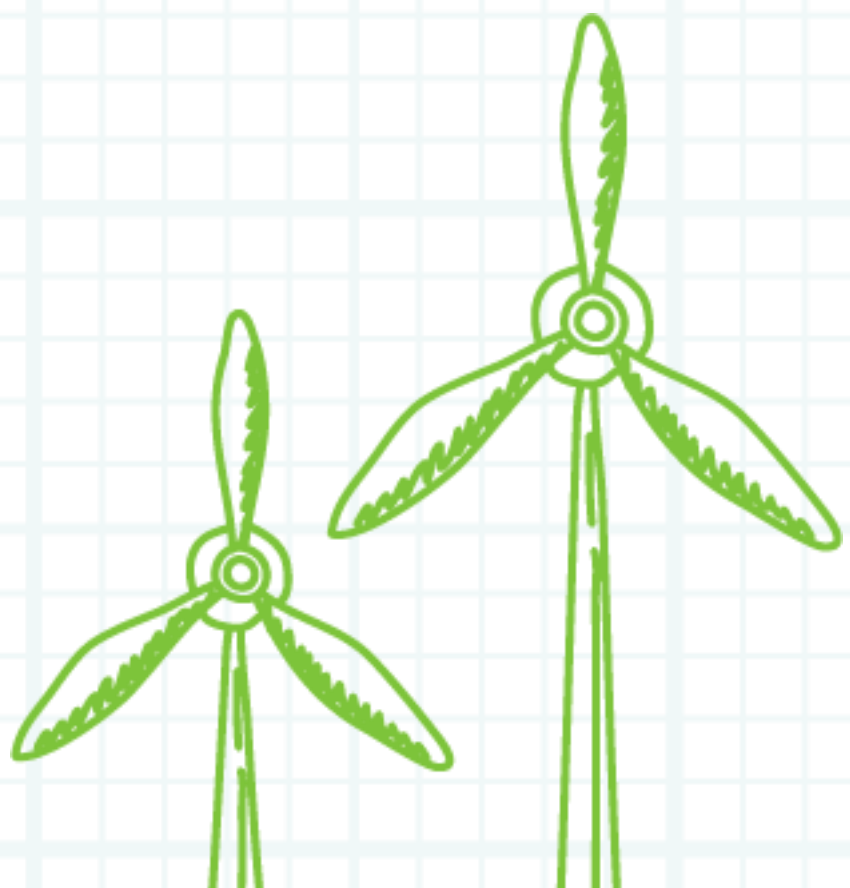
**COP26 is a huge event where leaders,  
scientists and experts from around the  
world all meet to agree how to take  
action to fight climate change**

**Note to teachers – add your  
resources from the teacher guide  
for further information on COP26**



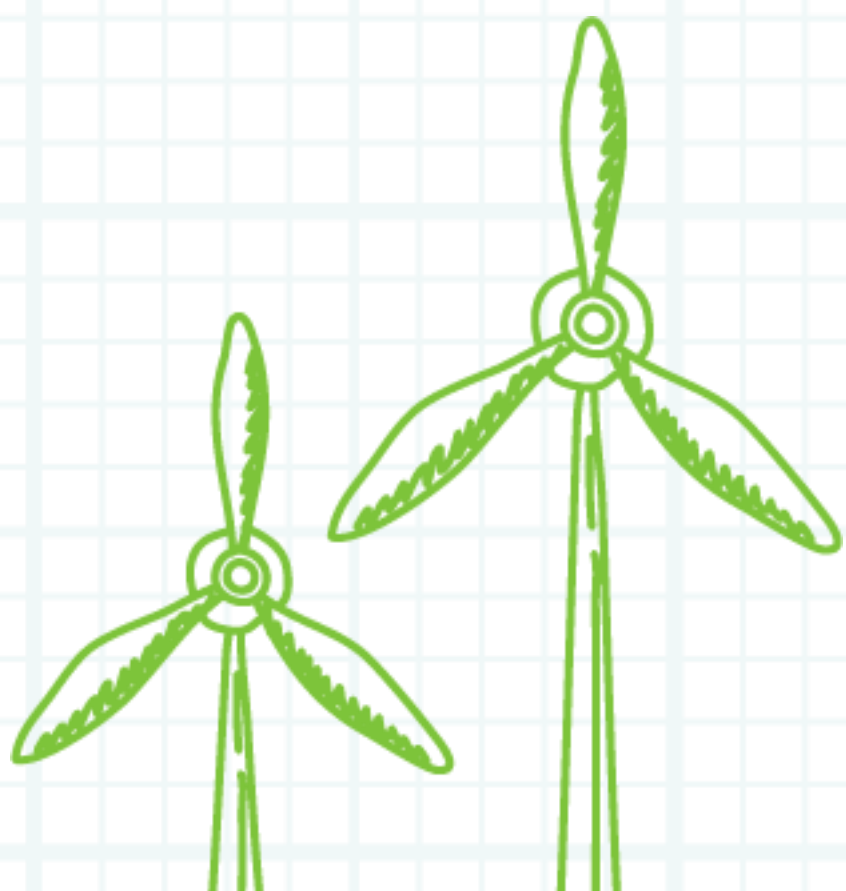


**And you!**





# Voices for a Green Future...



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# Remember our earlier question?

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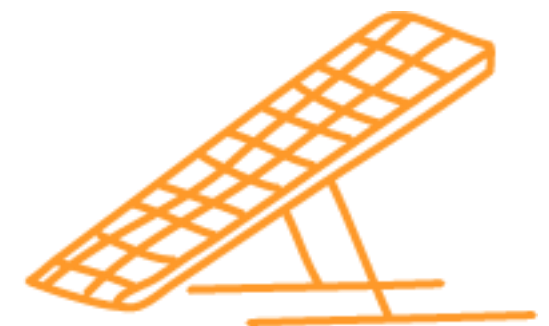
# Getting to net zero



**What is renewable energy?**

**What sources do we have?**

**Can you convince someone to switch to a greener source of energy?**





# What will your 200 words say?

- What's your **original idea**?
- How is it **different**?
- How will it **inspire people to change**?





# Enter the competition

**Every voice matters in the fight against climate change, but it's young people like you who will be most affected by the decisions and actions we all take today.**

**You could win a grant for the school and whole heap of prizes for yourself!**

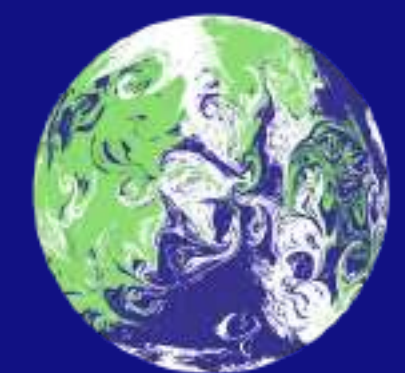


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