

Complete the text with words from the list. There are **THREE** words you will not need.

## Carbon Footprint

The carbon footprint shows how much carbon **(1)** \_\_\_\_\_ and other greenhouse gases a person produces in everyday life. It **(2)** \_\_\_\_\_ the amount of fossil fuels and electricity someone uses up, as well as the carbon footprint of the products they buy.

When we use our cars or **(3)** \_\_\_\_\_ our homes with oil or natural gas, carbon dioxide and **(4)** \_\_\_\_\_ other gases are set free. These emissions lead to a denser atmosphere and **(5)** \_\_\_\_\_ warming.

You can measure your carbon footprint by using a calculator that you can find on various websites. It shows you in which way your living **(6)** \_\_\_\_\_ damage the **(7)** \_\_\_\_\_. The carbon footprint is usually measured in tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year. In America for example, every citizen produces about 28 tons of carbon dioxide and other dangerous gases a year, in Great Britain the amount is about 10 tons.

There are many actions you can take to **(8)** \_\_\_\_\_ your carbon footprint.

The way we travel, for example, has a major impact on our environment. Use your bike or walk for short distances. **(9)** \_\_\_\_\_ transport is a way of getting to places without putting a burden on the environment. If you use your car see to it that it is maintained correctly and that it does not burn more **(10)** \_\_\_\_\_ than it should.

Buying **(11)** \_\_\_\_\_ food is also a way of curbing emissions into the atmosphere. Many environmental experts, however, argue that it often saves energy to buy food that is produced **(12)** \_\_\_\_\_ in faraway places than consuming food grown in greenhouses nearby.

In your home, you can **(13)** \_\_\_\_\_ to saving energy by turning off lights if you don't need them or by avoiding the use of air conditioners, which contribute a lot to global warming and emit CFCs that destroy the ozone **(14)** \_\_\_\_\_. Electrical appliances can save energy if you set them to standby mode.

**(15)** \_\_\_\_\_ plastic, glass, and paper can also lower your carbon footprint drastically.

It is also vital to persuade others to take the same steps that you do. Only if we concentrate on reducing carbon **(16)** \_\_\_\_\_ together can we hope to make our environment better

- carbon
- consume
- contribute
- dioxide
- emissions
- environment
- fuel
- global
- habits
- heat
- layer
- local
- measures
- naturally
- organic
- public
- recycling
- reduce
- various

## KEY

The carbon footprint shows how much carbon **(1) dioxide** and other greenhouse gases a person produces in everyday life. It **(2) measures** the amount of fossil fuels and electricity someone uses up as well as the carbon footprint of the products they buy.

When we use our cars or **(3) heat** our homes with oil or natural gas, carbon dioxide and **(4) various** other gases are set free. These emissions lead to a denser atmosphere and **(5) global** warming.

You can measure your carbon footprint by using a calculator that you can find on various websites. It shows you in which way your living **(6) habits** damage the **(7) environment**. The carbon footprint is usually measured in tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year. In America for example, every citizen produces about 28 tons of carbon dioxide and other dangerous gases a year, in Great Britain the amount is about 10 tons.

There are many actions you can take to **(8) reduce** your carbon footprint.

The way we travel, for example, has a major impact on our environment. Use your bike or walk for short distances. **(9) Public** transport is a way of getting to places without putting a burden on the environment. If you use your car see to it that it is maintained correctly and that it does not burn more **(10) fuel** than it should.

Buying **(11) organic** food is also a way of curbing emissions into the atmosphere. Many environmental experts, however, argue that it often saves energy to buy food that is produced **(12) naturally** in faraway places than consuming food grown in greenhouses nearby.

In your home you can **(13) contribute** to saving energy by turning off lights if you don't need them or by avoiding the use of air conditioners, which contribute a lot to global warming and emit CFCs that destroy the ozone **(14) layer**. Electrical appliances can save energy if you set them to standby mode.

**(15) Recycling** plastic, glass and paper can also lower your carbon footprint drastically.

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