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What is the greenhouse effect ? (videos)

Greenhouse gases (carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide) help control the Earth's temperature. Without them, our planet would be too cold for plants and animals to live.

When we drive car, use electricity or make a product in a factory, we use energy. A lot of this energy comes from burning fossil fuels which produces carbon dioxide.

Extra greenhouse gases trap more heat, which makes the planet warmer. It's a big problem! The effects are for example:

- rising sea levels
- melting polar ice caps

