SHAPING OUR FUTURE: THE CLIMATE CHALLENGE
KS3 LESSON 2 - PRESENTATION

CHANCE TO CHANGE THE FUTURE
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If we don’t act now to cut carbon emissions, climate experts are predicting that global temperatures will reach 1.5°C in the next decade and around 4°C this century.
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For over 50 years, WWF has been working to protect our natural world. Some of their campaigns highlight the threats to forests, oceans and freshwater habitats; others the plight of critically endangered species such as tigers, rhinos, gorillas, polar bears and the iconic giant panda. WWF also campaigns on climate change.

Most of the threats to wildlife and habitats come from human pressures and an increasing demand for food or water.
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The world’s richest countries consume most of the world’s resources and produce the largest proportion of greenhouse gases. Yet the world’s poorest people and the poorest countries are being hit hardest by the effects of climate change.
UNEQUAL DEMANDS, UNEQUAL CONSEQUENCES

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In what ways do Simon Reeve’s discoveries support the quote from Marco Lambertini?

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You might not have noticed these effects in your area. But how will the effects impact you?
These effects on people and environments around the world mean that everyday products you enjoy could be in short supply, or increase dramatically in cost.
Climate change is not a future problem, it is a current problem. It is causing our world to experience...

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### Individuals

Every single person on this planet has a carbon footprint. This means that every individual has a responsibility to reduce their own impact on our climate. In democratic countries, people also choose their governments.
Businesses

Business activity is a major cause of greenhouse gas emissions. Every business needs to reduce their emissions. As customers, we can influence business by spending our money with companies who are taking action to reduce their impact.
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#### Councils

Local councils are responsible for providing local services and facilities that could affect the environment. Your elected representatives or councillors represent you at a local level and they have a lot of say over important every-day issues like transport, waste and recycling.
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Member of Parliament (MP) / elected representative

Individual elected to represent your interests and concerns at a national level in the House of Commons, Westminster. MPs consider and can propose new laws as well as raising issues that matter to you in Parliament. In Scotland there are also Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSP). In Wales there are also Members of the National Assembly for Wales (AM). They all have an important role to influence government in their respective parliaments.
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### Secretary of State for the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

This person is responsible for making a plan for the UK to meet its emissions reduction targets.

In Scotland, the person responsible is the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform.

In Wales, the person responsible is the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs.
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Responsible for cutting emissions in line with UN agreements and according to the Climate Change Act which is part of UK law.

In Scotland, the Scottish Government have the Climate Change (Scotland) Act. In Wales, the Welsh Government has legislation on climate change through the Environment Act and Well-being of Future Generations Act. The Northern Ireland Assembly also have a role to play, although not sitting at the moment.

They all work together to contribute to the overall target.
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**UK Prime Minister**

Head of the government, ultimately responsible for making sure the UK meets emissions reduction targets.

In Scotland and Wales, the First Ministers are responsible for setting and meeting Scottish and Welsh targets, all of which contribute to the overall goal.
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We know how to get there
Now we need to take action....
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