

# Will we eventually destroy the planet?

## Introductory lesson

1. Starter. Video for 5 mins. Start of David Attenborough 'Climate Chaos'. End with him sitting at desk before it starts to focus on climate change.
2. Power Point This unit is Will we eventually destroy the planet? First few slides what is the environmental issue? Destruction of TRF, Extinction of Orang-utan in Borneo due to destruction of habitat, Pollution (global warming), waste production, hurricanes Katrina (link climate change), Melting of ice sheets, threat to polar bear habitat, acid rain.
3. Laminated newspaper articles. (Gather a selection of recent articles from a range of newspapers) Issue one article between two.  
Read the newspaper article. In the back of your book answer these questions:  
What is the environmental issue? What problems is it causing to people and/or the environment? Are there any solutions suggested? Can you think of any?
4. Students report back to the rest of the class.
5. If time 360 books page 92 and 93
6. Plenary Power point slide listing the issues we will be looking at this unit.
7. Homework on slips to give out (as follows):

Visitor from another Solar System

**Brief: to find out about planet Earth**

**Report:**

**There are over 6 billion humans on planet earth, plus a great variety of plants and animals. The Humans are the dominant species and rely totally on the planet for their food and resources. There is no alternative planet for the humans in their known universe. They do not seem to take much care of their planet. If they do not change their ways they may not have a habitable planet for their future generations.**

On what evidence do you think our inter-galactic visitor based his report?