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# I am the CHANGE in Climate Change

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## Climate Change.

Scientists have been studying and telling us about climate change for decades. World leaders now recognize the need to address the challenges that it poses.

The earth's temperature is rising. Snow caps are melting. Sea level is rising. Weather has become more extreme as different countries now experience stronger typhoons, more floods, droughts, and wildfires, harming hundreds of millions of people all over the world.

What exactly is climate change?

Why is it happening?

What are its effects?

And most importantly, what can we do?

What's the weather like today?

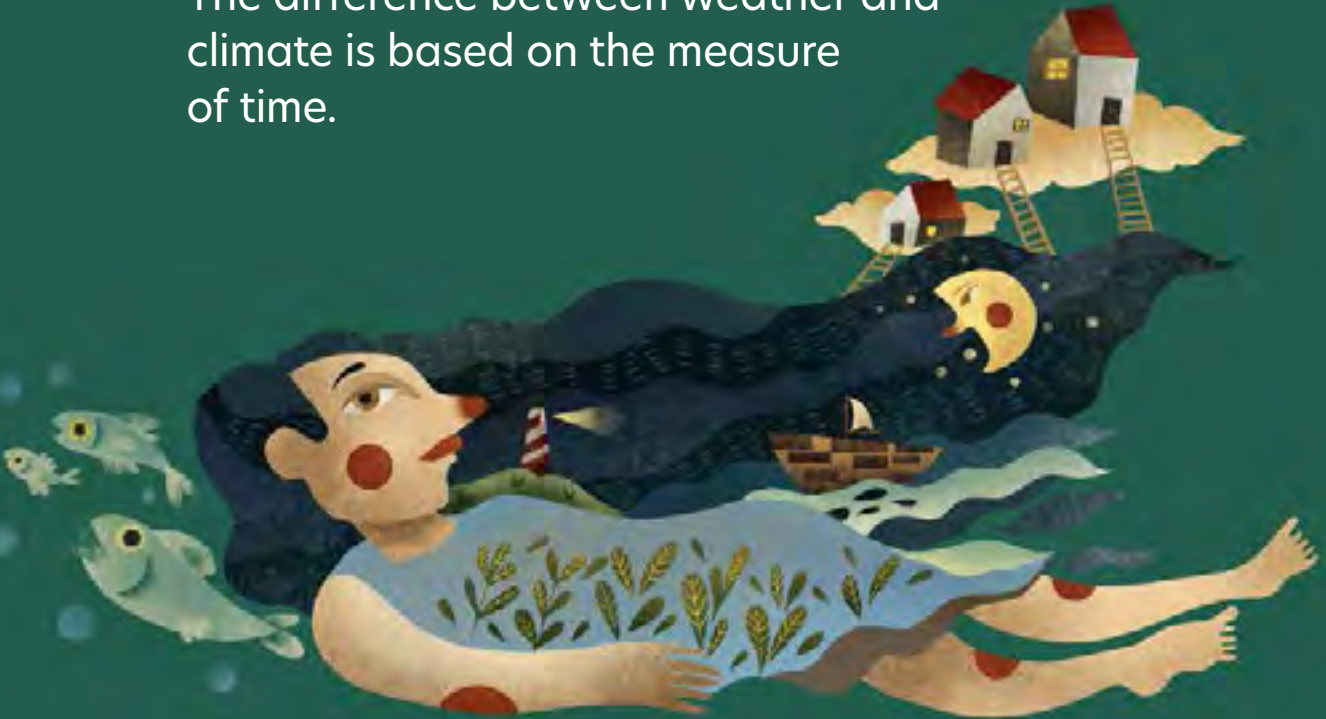
Draw what you see outside your window.



## Weather vs Climate

Weather and climate are not the same things.

The difference between weather and climate is based on the measure of time.



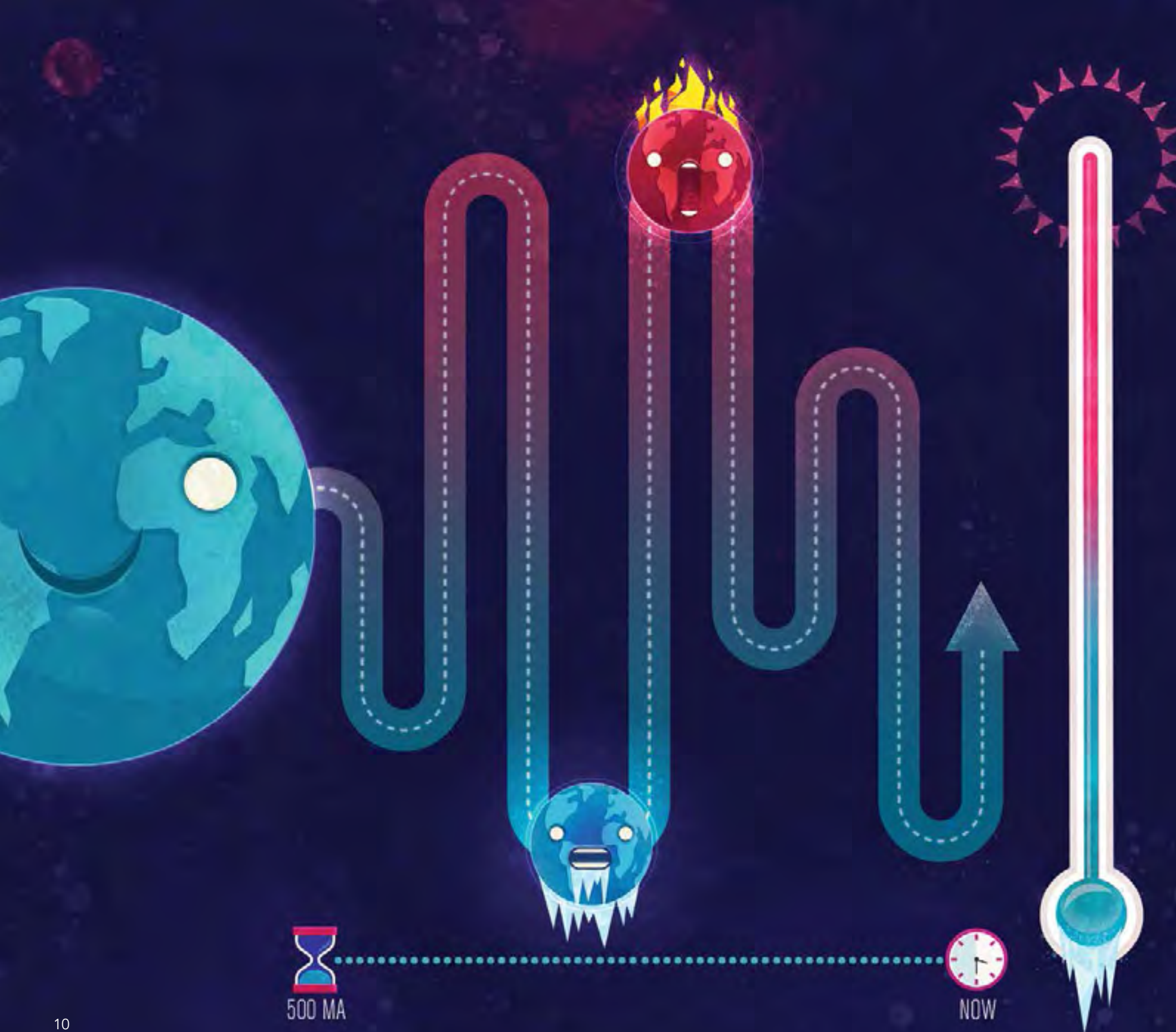


**Weather changes all the time.**

It is the minute-by-minute, day-to-day, observable changes in the atmosphere. Weather can change in a matter of hours.

**Climate is the average of  
the weather in an area  
over a long period of time.**  
(About 30 years!)





## Climate change is not a new thing.

Extreme climate changes have happened on earth since its beginnings billions of years ago.

The earth has, by turns, grown warm and cool, with each episode running from thousands to millions of years.

EXTREME COLD

## Snowball Earth

About 700 million years ago, the Earth's surface—from North Pole to South Pole—was almost completely frozen and covered with ice! The ice-covered supercontinent Rodinia caused an increase in “albedo” or reflectivity of the surface. The high albedo surface of Rodinia reflected more of the sun's rays, causing temperatures on the surface of the earth to drop. This extreme glaciation event occurred in two stages within a 100-million-year period. Scientists are still looking into the extent and causes of this cold time in earth history.







## EXTREME WARMTH **Greenhouse Earth**

During the Cretaceous Period, some 65 to 145 million years ago, a period of extreme warmth occurred. Caused by large-scale volcanism, no ice formed on the surface of the Earth—not even at the North and South Poles.

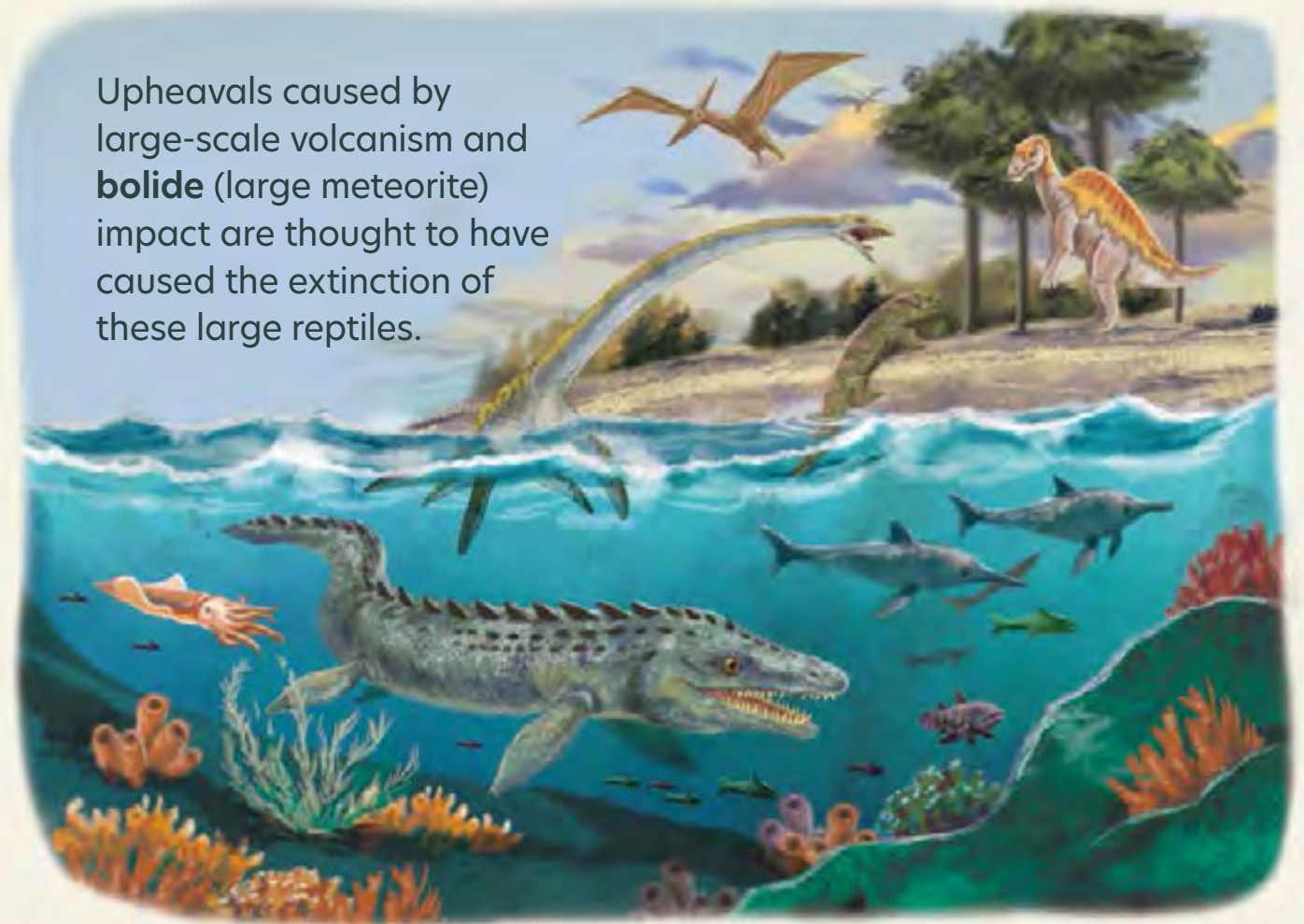
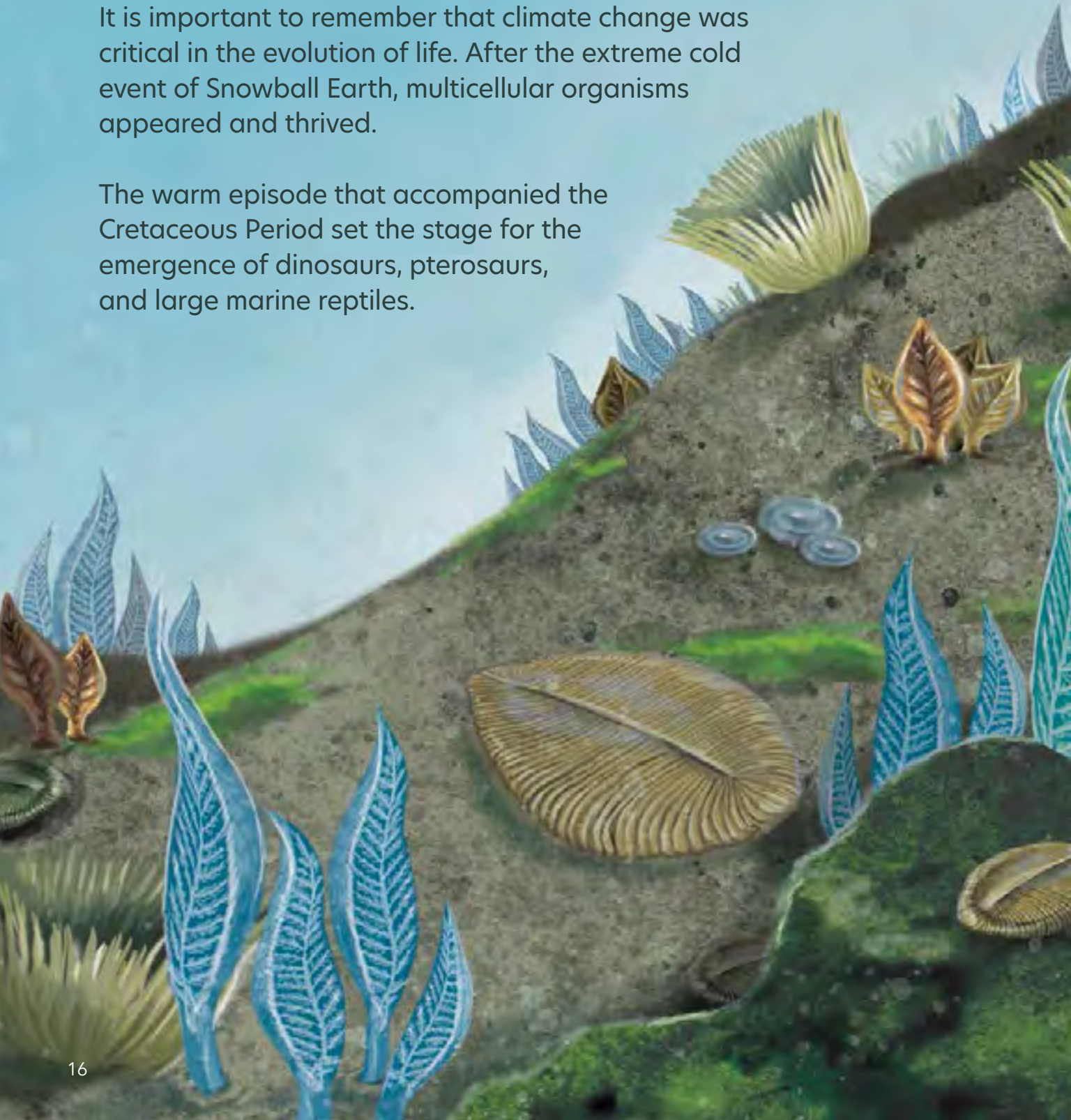
The warm climate was ideal for dinosaurs and allowed them to flourish during this period.

It was also during this time that Gondwanaland, the southern part of the supercontinent Pangea, began to break up and drift apart to form the continents and ocean basins we know today.

**Climate change events can cause mass extinctions.  
But it can also lead to emergence of new forms of life.**

It is important to remember that climate change was critical in the evolution of life. After the extreme cold event of Snowball Earth, multicellular organisms appeared and thrived.

The warm episode that accompanied the Cretaceous Period set the stage for the emergence of dinosaurs, pterosaurs, and large marine reptiles.



Upheavals caused by large-scale volcanism and **bolide** (large meteorite) impact are thought to have caused the extinction of these large reptiles.



Their disappearance allowed mammals and, later, humans to emerge and flourish.

**The rise and fall of civilizations are also linked to climate change.**

The Tigris, Euphrates, and Nile Rivers flowed during warm times in Earth's history. This made great strides in agriculture possible, and eventually led to the rise of the Egyptian and Mesopotamian empires.



Warm climate made the Earth conducive to human migration, which enabled the widespread expansion of the Roman Empire to Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.



The succeeding Dark Ages happened during a cold time. The resulting scarcity of food weakened Rome just as strong military regimes arose elsewhere. These “barbarians” challenged, and contributed greatly to the fall of, the Roman Empire.





**Today, global warming  
is caused largely  
by human activity.**

Human activity, starting with the Industrial Revolution and continuing to the present, is responsible for today's climate change.

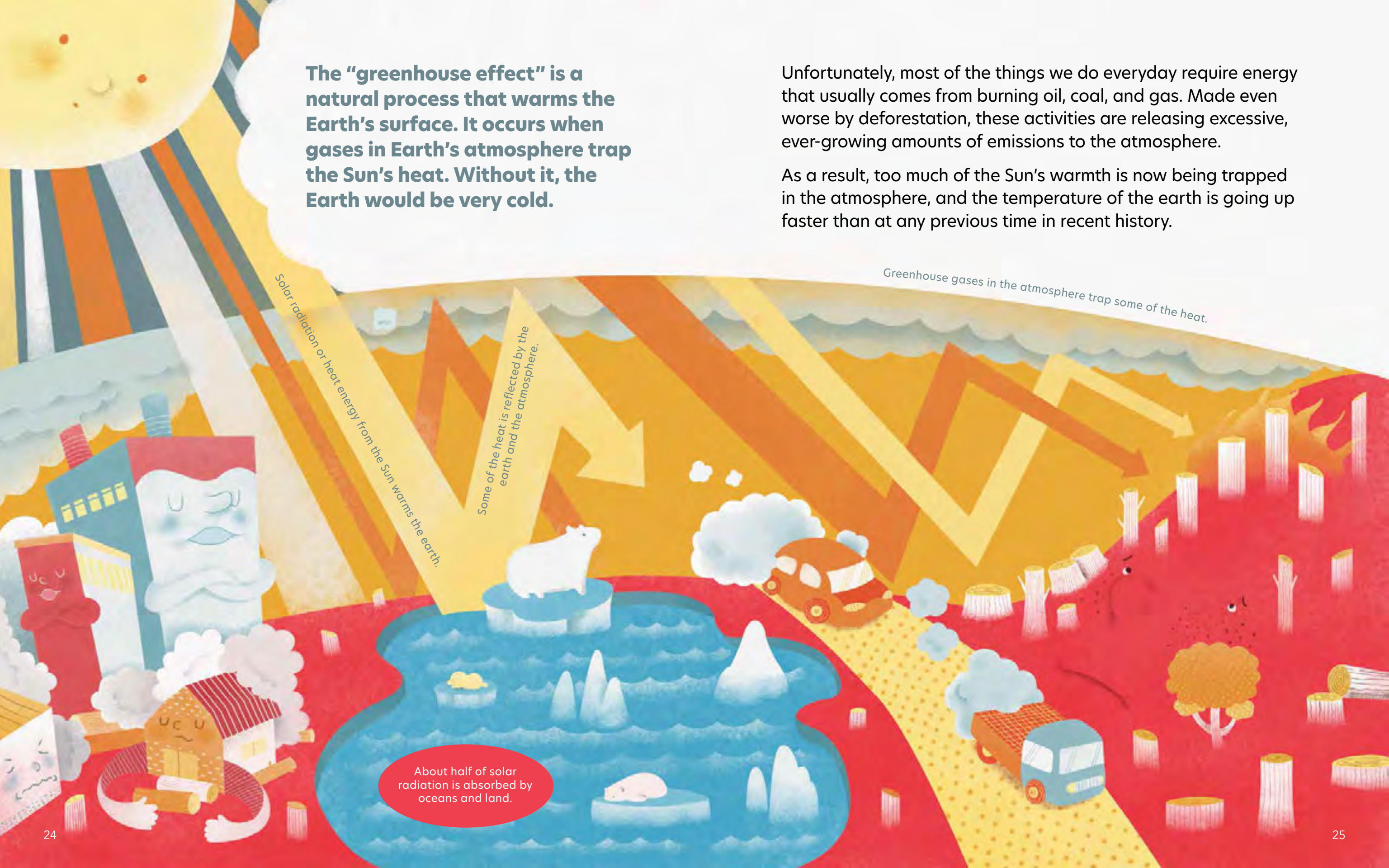
The use of fossil fuels rose dramatically to respond to the needs of industry and everyday life, resulting in a massive increase in harmful emissions.

Let's color!

**The “greenhouse effect” is a natural process that warms the Earth’s surface. It occurs when gases in Earth’s atmosphere trap the Sun’s heat. Without it, the Earth would be very cold.**

Unfortunately, most of the things we do everyday require energy that usually comes from burning oil, coal, and gas. Made even worse by deforestation, these activities are releasing excessive, ever-growing amounts of emissions to the atmosphere.

As a result, too much of the Sun’s warmth is now being trapped in the atmosphere, and the temperature of the earth is going up faster than at any previous time in recent history.



Solar radiation or heat energy from the Sun warms the earth.

Some of the heat is reflected by the earth and the atmosphere.

Greenhouse gases in the atmosphere trap some of the heat.

About half of solar radiation is absorbed by oceans and land.

Changing the use of land—for example by clearing forests or destroying mangroves and grasslands in order to build residential, business, or leisure areas—radically diminishes plant cover that is vital to the absorption of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.







# My Eco-friendly Beach Trip

**BONUS!**  
Look for renewable energy sources & clean fuel.

**START!**

**FIND A WAY TO THE BEACH!**  
Avoid using fossil fuels and other sources of greenhouse gases.



**AIR POLLUTION** includes smog from cities, homes, and other human activities, plus transportation exhaust.

**CH<sub>4</sub>**  
**CO<sub>2</sub>**  
**LANDFILL GAS** from decomposing organic wastes is mostly methane and carbon dioxide.

landfill (garbage dump)

**CO<sub>2</sub>**  
**MANUFACTURING & INDUSTRY PROCESSES** use and burn fossil fuels for energy. Processing requires chemical reactions in the production of goods from raw materials.

factory

**CH<sub>4</sub>**  
**CO<sub>2</sub>**  
**N<sub>2</sub>O**

**CO<sub>2</sub>**  
**COAL** is a fossil fuel burned to provide heat, energy, fuel, and electricity for homes, cities, industries, and transportation —releasing tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

coal mine

**wind turbines**  
**hydroelectric dam**  
**transmission towers**

flooding

**CO<sub>2</sub>**  
**N<sub>2</sub>O**  
**SHIPPING** releases carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide.

**END!**  
Good job!  
You helped save Mother Earth!

**LAND CLEARING** to make way for agriculture, livestock, mining, and urban development also leads to deforestation and flooding.

**CH<sub>4</sub>**  
**cow belching (burps)**

**cow flatulence (farts)**

**NITROUS OXIDE** from agricultural soil, fertilizers, and livestock manure

**METHANE** from agriculture, livestock, and waste management

electric vehicle

taxi

recharge

bus

charging station

gas station

# Effects of climate change today

Spot 13 differences!



## Extreme typhoons



Climate change will drive humans to move to higher ground.

Constant flooding due to increased sea levels will render coastal cities and towns uninhabitable.



**Global warming is making megacities less disaster-resilient.**

For example, increased rainfall and flooding, coupled with unchecked population density, create more breeding sites for mosquitos, and make it easier for vector-borne diseases like dengue and malaria to spread.



## Make an Eco-friendly Mosquito Trap!



\*Modified from: City of Albany, WA. (2016). *Homemade Mosquito Trap*. <http://albany.wa.gov.au/documents/265/homemade-mosquito-trap>



Warmer temperatures are putting people, particularly the elderly and children, at increased risk for diseases like strokes and gastroenteritis.

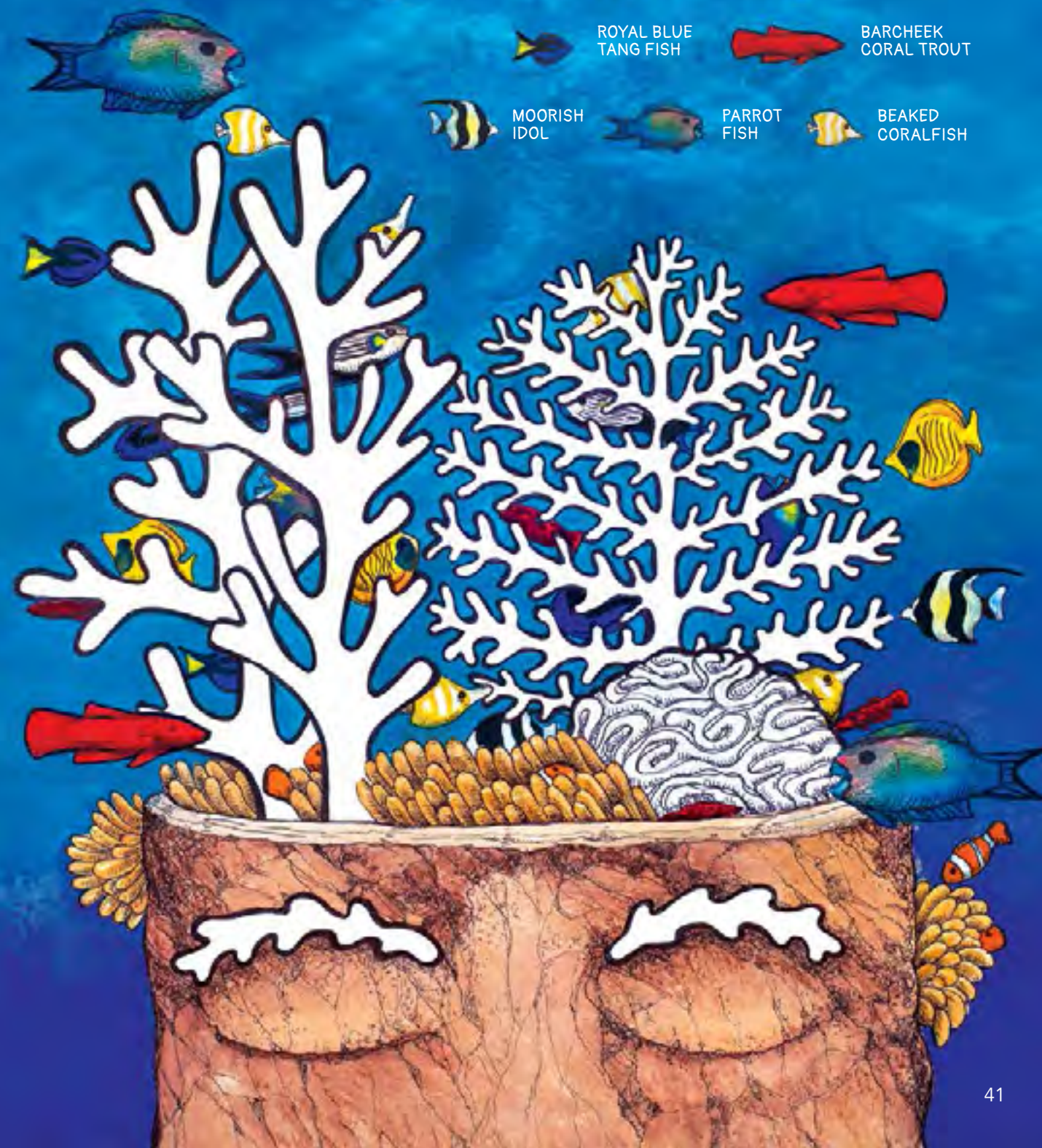
## Failing ecosystems threaten our marine food supply.

Coral bleaching is occurring in reefs around the planet because of rising ocean temperatures. Unless more drastic steps are taken to help mitigate environmental stress, the damage to the coral ecosystems will become irreversible.

**HEEELP!**  
Mr. Ocean's corals are bleaching!

FIND 32 FISHES that live in the coral reef.  
Then color the corals so they will be lively again.

-  SURGEONFISH
-  CLOWNFISH
-  BUTTERFLY FISH
-  ROYAL BLUE TANG FISH
-  BARCHEEK CORAL TROUT
-  MOORISH IDOL
-  PARROT FISH
-  BEAKED CORAL FISH





Rising temperatures can cause droughts and increase the likelihood of brushfires. These can render large tracts of land inhospitable to plants and animals, including humans.



## What can we do?

Global warming is already here and it will take hundreds, maybe even thousands, of years to stop or reverse the change.

Is it too late for us to do anything?

No. We can still take action and change our ways. By being aware of the ways that we can potentially harm the environment, we can take steps and help each other to adapt and to slow down the damaging effects of climate change.



What can we do?!

1

2  
Turned off lights before leaving.  
Move ahead 2 steps.

3

4

23

24  
Unplugged unused appliances.  
Move ahead 3 steps.

You!

**We can start in the place we know best—our homes.**



FINISH

12  
Used a broom instead of a vacuum cleaner.  
Move ahead 2 steps.

11

10  
Left the faucet running while brushing teeth.  
Go back 2 steps.

9

8

22  
Bought too much food that we can't finish.  
Go back 5 steps.

21

7  
Opened a window instead of an electric fan.  
Move ahead 2 steps.

20

25

26

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35

34

**HOW TO PLAY!**

Get a small stone, decorate it, and use it as your token. Place it on "WHAT CAN WE DO?!".

You will also need a die.

Throw the die and move your token along the path. Follow the instructions as you go along.

33  
Cultivated plants in the garden.  
Move ahead 3 steps.

32

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18  
Defrosted freezer.  
Move ahead 3 steps.

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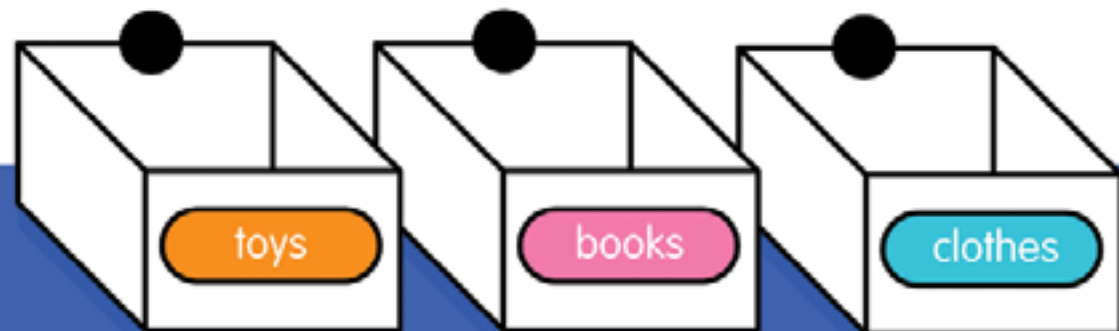
Share games, books, clothes, and toys with other kids!  
Sort the items below by connecting the dots. Color them, too!



Buy less.

Share more.

Swap more.



## Use less plastic.

Avoid plastic containers.



Say NO to plastic spoons & forks.



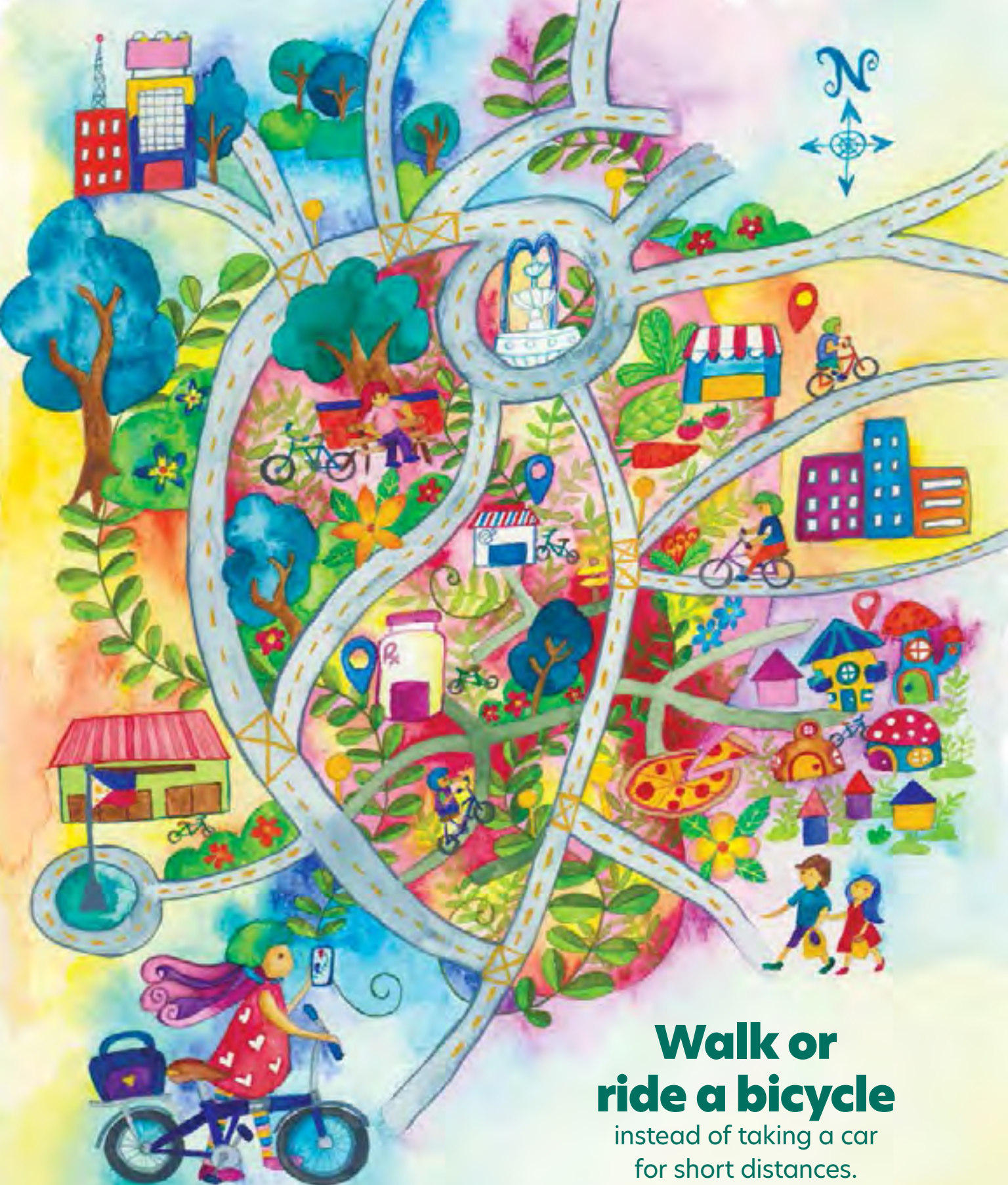
Say NO to disposable straws.



**Grow and tend  
a garden.**



Complete the picture.  
Add flowers to the plants.



**Walk or  
ride a bicycle**  
instead of taking a car  
for short distances.



**Use public transport.**

## Support local suppliers.

Buying from community growers and producers of food products and consumer goods will cut travel between destinations and reduce need for fuel both in sourcing and transporting goods.



# Conserve energy.



Use natural light.



Use LED lights.



## **Live small.**

You need less resources to maintain a smaller home or living space.



Draw one continuous line from start to finish, passing through all the eco-friendly steps!



Use natural light.



Walk!

Plant fruits & veggies.



Turn off unused lights.



Ask a grownup to unplug unused appliances.

Recycle

Make your own toys!



Use both sides of the paper.



Reuse

Hand-me-downs rock!



Finish your food.

Reduce waste



Bring your own bag when shopping.



Bring your own water.



Ride your bike!



What we do today has a huge impact. It affects all of us and all the other living beings that share our planet. It will determine whether we will leave a better world for the future.



**Let's all be kind to  
Mother Earth!**

**Answers!**

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