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Explaining Climate Change

An extension of "California fighting massive wildfires"

1. Read **"California fighting massive wildfires"** (page 8, *What's Up* October 2020). Experts believe that climate change is one of the reasons why there are so many wildfires in California this year.

2. Go online and visit this website: <https://climatekids.nasa.gov/menu/weather-and-climate/>

Here, you will be able to find more information about climate change. Explore the website. Pay special attention to these sections under "Big Questions": **"What is Climate Change?"**, **"What is the Greenhouse Effect?"** and **"Planet Health Report: TEMPERATURE"**.

3. Your task now is to write a short speech targeted at children aged 5 to 6. Armed with your new knowledge about climate change, simplify these concepts so that kindergarten kids can understand them. Use your own words. **Do not** copy and paste sentences.

Before you start writing, consider the following:

1. What is climate change?
2. Why is the world getting hotter?
3. What are some of the consequences of the earth getting hotter?
4. What is happening in California and how is it linked to climate change?
5. What can we do to help stop climate change?

Jot down your key points here. Then, compose your speech on the back of this page.
