

Tell Me, What Is  
**Climate Change?**

**Tsimewa?**

Wolf

**Diwi**

Coyote

**K'ayan**

Duck

**Silet**

Skunk

**Yu:man**

Snow

**Juhula**

North

We know what weather is. Is it raining outside today? Can I wear sandals today, is it hot enough?

Weather also changes from place to place, we check to see how cold it is at the coast and if we need to bring extra jackets before we go.

Climate is on a longer timeframe than day to day.

Climate is the usual weather of a place.

California's climate is warmer than the North Pole.

"Climate Change" addresses the Earth's climate, what we get when we combine all the climates around the world.

The Earth's climate is always changing, we have heard of the Ice Age and before that the earth was a lot warmer than it is now. We are currently noticing changes in our Earth's climate, and those small temperature changes can have big effects. The climate change we are seeing now, is because of humans.

One thing we are doing is putting gases and other things in the air. Gases cause the air to heat up and air heating up can change the Earth's climate if we do it enough.

Another big thing we do is generate a lot of waste, and those materials can wind up affecting ecosystems. When plastic winds up in the ocean, it can be detrimental to many different species. When waste gets in our waterways, it affects us all.

What we do influences the life around us, because we are all interconnected. The car we drive, the food we eat, the clothes we buy all wind up trickling down. It decides whether or not the Earth's climate will get warmer. If the Black Bears will have a place to sleep, if the ducks can migrate, if the skunks, red foxes, coyotes and wolves can survive the summer heat and droughts.

We can make a difference; we can make choices that could slow down warming.

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also

**Tac**

Red

**K'aw**

Fox

**Bitá:**

Black Bear

**Kasilin**

Cold