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carbon footprint

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to mitigate

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renewable energy

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drought

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The total amount of greenhouse gases produced by a person, product or activity, measured in CO₂. "Flying has a huge carbon footprint."

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To make something less serious or less harmful. "Planting trees helps mitigate global warming."

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3

Energy from sources that never run out — sun, wind, water — and that cause little pollution.

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A long period with no rain, when the land dries up and crops fail. "The drought lasted two summers."

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coastal erosion

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rising sea levels

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biodiversity

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sustainable

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The gradual wearing away of land along the coast by waves, tides and storms.

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The increase in the average height of the ocean, caused mainly by melting ice and warming water.

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The variety of plants, animals and ecosystems living in a particular place.

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Able to continue for a long time without damaging the environment or using up natural resources.

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an ageing population

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rural exodus

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to be displaced

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to take action on climate change

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A population whose average age is rising, because people live longer and fewer babies are born.

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The movement of large numbers of people from the countryside to the cities.

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To be forced to leave your home, often because of war, floods or rising seas. "Thousands were displaced by the storm."

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To do something practical to reduce your impact, instead of only talking about the problem. "Young people are taking action on climate change."