

Greenhouse Effect – Teacher Review

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Write the words related to the greenhouse effect below.

ANIMALS ENZYMES LA NINA **ATMOSPHERE FEEDBACK** LIFE **CARBONDIOXIDE FOSSIL METHANE CLOUDS FUEL** OIL **COAL PLANTS** GAS COLD **GREENHOUSE POSITIVE HEAT COOLING RADIATION EFFECT HEATING SOLAR EL NINO HYDROSPHERE STEAM ENHANCE INCREASE** WATER VAPOUR

What does "The Greenhouse Effect" describe? The effect gasses (Greenhouse Gasses) have in retaining solar radiation within the Earth's atmosphere.

Diagram

Which is the most common greenhouse gas in our atmosphere?

Which is the most effective greenhouse gas in our atmosphere?

Which greenhouse gas is produced through volcanic outgassing?

Which greenhouse gasses are produced through burning fossil fuels?

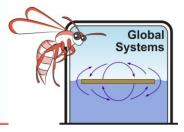
H₂O - water vapour

CH₄- methane

CO₂- carbon dioxide

CO₂, CH₄, NO₂

Has the greenhouse effect always been considered problematic? Explain your answer. No. The retained warmth has permitted life to flourish on Earth. Only recently has CO₂ produced from burning fossil fuels produced the enhanced greenhouse effect resulting in an increasing rate of global warming.



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What is positive feedback? Positive feedback occurs when the initial stimulus is enhanced/increased by the effect.

Give an example of positive feedback producing the enhanced greenhouse effect.

- 1. Burning fossil fuel produces CO₂.
- 2. Increased CO₂ in the atmosphere increases retention of heat from solar radiation.
- 3. Increased atmospheric heat causes water vapour levels to increase in the atmosphere.
- 4. Water vapour is a greenhouse gas which causes the atmosphere to retain even more heat.

What can we do to reduce the enhanced greenhouse effect? Reduce the use of fossil fuels (etc).