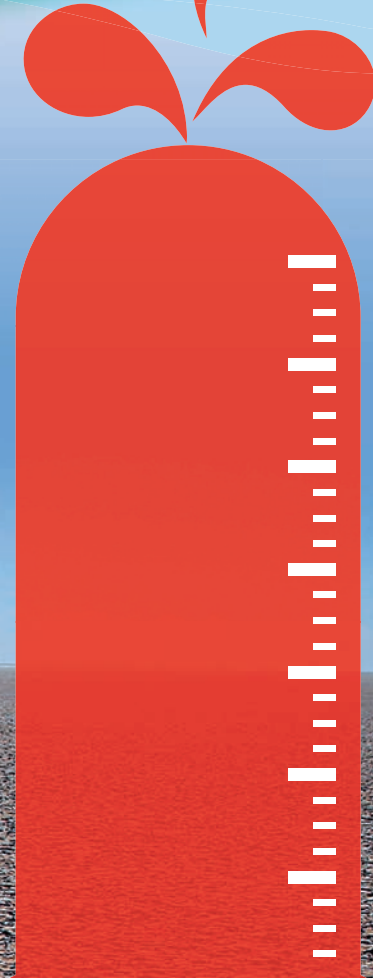




Goodies

Close to the red line



There are actually many things we can do, like eating less meat!



So what can we do to help?



THE United Nations (聯合國) recently released a report that said if the world goes on warming at the same rate, it will become 1.5 degrees Celsius hotter than before the Industrial Revolution (工業革命) by 2030. That might not sound like much, but it would make our world almost unlivable. Many places would have droughts, and as to places that are near the coast, the sea levels would rise and flood them. Other places would get hit by more typhoons and hurricanes, and these storms would be much stronger.



Alex

Protecting our world

A serious study

THE report was actually released by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC, 聯合國政府間氣候變化專門委員會). This report was completed by 91 writers from 40 countries and cited over 6,000 studies. Because of **greenhouse gases** going into our air, the planet is already one degree warmer than before the Industrial Revolution, and has resulted in more **extreme** weather, rising sea levels, ice sheets at the Arctic (北極) melting, etc.

What can we do?

THE IPCC said that while the governments of various countries have to take on most of the burden, the public can also help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. For example, we can eat less meat and drink less milk, take public transport or even ride a bicycle, adults can drive their own car – or if they must drive, **carpool** and use electric cars – and talk to people in faraway places through **video chat** and not go on trips to meet face-to-face.

THE report is a grim but honest look at how endangered our planet is. People need to actively work to prevent it, and everyone has to help.



How to stop a disaster

THE IPCC also said that to avoid disaster, governments from different countries need to do a lot of things very soon in many fields, such as energy production, industrial output, construction, shipping and **urban** planning. The world needs to reduce carbon **emissions** to 45 percent less than 2010 levels by 2030, and make sure we get to zero emissions by 2050.



Which of these cause the least pollution?

- A Aeroplane
- B Train
- C Car

Answers on P12

We can help keep climate change in check if we all work together!

