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Climate Change: Climate change refers to long-term changes to average weather patterns. This includes changes to average temperatures, seasons, wind patterns and rainfall.

Global warming: The overall increase in worldwide temperatures, relative to temperatures before the Industrial Revolution.

Emissions Greenhouse: gases released into the atmosphere, where they trap heat or absorb heat and contribute to climate change.

Greenhouse gases: Atmospheric gases that trap or absorb heat and contribute to climate change.

Low-emissions future: A future economy and society that has moved away from the use of fossil fuels and adopted low-emissions energy sources and processes.

Equitable transition: The shift to a low-emissions economy and way of life in a way that is fair and inclusive for all people and communities.