

Sometimes changes to environments are natural – caused by changing seasons or weather patterns. More often, changes are caused through human impact.

You might like to discuss what we mean when we talk about human impact on the environment. Impact is defined as "a powerful effect that something, especially something new, has on a situation or person".

(https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/impact)

In small groups, students can complete a brainstorm on human impacts that can change natural environments. You could then have a class discussion to share the results of the group brainstorms. Some examples could include: introduction of feral animals, land clearing, pollution, tourism and farming practices.



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