

Theme 4  
"At home"  
work-it-out worksheet



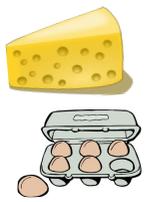
# TAKE A BITE OUT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

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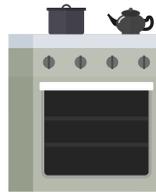
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## DID YOU KNOW?



If we all halved the amount of meat, dairy and eggs we ate, it would reduce the world's food climate impact by one quarter.



Putting the oven on for 10 minutes causes about eight times as much greenhouse gas emissions as boiling a kettle.



If food waste was a country, it would be 3rd largest contributor to climate change. Did you know that in the UK 70% of food waste happens in the home?

## HANDS ON ACTIVITY

**Our mission...** is to calculate the greenhouse gas emissions of your lunch.

**You will need...** a pencil and a piece of paper

*Optional: download the full set of Climate Food Flashcards here*

<https://www.takeabitecc.org/flashcards.html>

**What to do...**

1. First, choose the ingredients to build your own lunch from the options in the "Setting up your lunch" box on the supporting page. Choose one bread option, one protein option, one salad option and one fruit option.

2. Now, use the information on each food "card" to calculate the total climate impact of your lunch: add up the "Emissions" gCO<sub>2</sub>e numbers (in black) for each food you chose.

**Bonus Challenge...** Could you have chosen different options to make a more climate-friendly (lower gCO<sub>2</sub>e) healthy meal?

*Don't forget to take a picture of your meal choice and share with us using #TakeABiteAtHome!*

## I WANT MORE

Take a look at these extra resources:

- The Eatwell Guide  
<https://tinyurl.com/y8aj5o6j>
- Carbon Footprint Calculator  
<https://tinyurl.com/st7z8xs>
- Food wastage footprint  
<https://tinyurl.com/mwmj9cr>

Find all these links and more on our web page

<https://www.takeabitecc.org/athome>

## WHO WE ARE

Hi all, I'm Carla Martins. I am a nutritionist and I also trained in gastronomy. My main theme of research is "cooking as a tool to promote healthy and sustainable eating", at the University of Manchester.



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SETTING UP YOUR LUNCH

CALCULATING THE EMISSIONS OF YOUR LUNCH!

1. Choose one carbohydrate option:

<p><b>Toast</b> Two slices (64g)</p>  <p><b>CO<sub>2</sub>e</b> 0.5 minutes driving</p> <p>Emissions 90 gCO<sub>2</sub>e Water 30 litres Fibre 5 g Calories 190 kCal Protein 6 g</p>	<p><b>Bread</b> Two slices (80g)</p>  <p><b>CO<sub>2</sub>e</b> 0.4 minutes driving</p> <p>Emissions 60 gCO<sub>2</sub>e Water 30 litres Fibre 6 g Calories 190 kCal Protein 7 g</p>
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2. Choose one protein option:

<p><b>Baked beans</b> From a can (200g)</p>  <p><b>CO<sub>2</sub>e</b> 3 minutes driving</p> <p>Emissions 430 gCO<sub>2</sub>e Water 115 litres Fibre 25 g Calories 162 kCal Protein 10 g</p>	<p><b>Cheese</b> Three slices (100g)</p>  <p><b>CO<sub>2</sub>e</b> 10 minutes driving</p> <p>Emissions 1590 gCO<sub>2</sub>e Water 139 litres Fibre 0 g Calories 416 kCal Protein 25 g</p>	<p><b>Steak</b> Portion, fried (100g)</p>  <p><b>CO<sub>2</sub>e</b> 29 minutes driving</p> <p>Emissions 4723 gCO<sub>2</sub>e Water 668 litres Fibre 0 g Calories 242 kCal Protein 30 g</p>
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3. Choose one vegetable option:

<p><b>Tomato</b> Seasonal, medium (80g)</p>  <p><b>CO<sub>2</sub>e</b> 0.1 minutes driving</p> <p>Emissions 13 gCO<sub>2</sub>e Water 0.8 litres Fibre 3 g Calories 11 kCal Protein 0 g</p>	<p><b>Tomato</b> Heated greenhouse (80g)</p>  <p><b>CO<sub>2</sub>e</b> 6 minutes driving</p> <p>Emissions 1002 gCO<sub>2</sub>e Water 0.8 litres Fibre 3 g Calories 11 kCal Protein 0 g</p>	<p><b>Lettuce</b> Seasonal (30g)</p>  <p><b>CO<sub>2</sub>e</b> 0.3 minutes driving</p> <p>Emissions 44 gCO<sub>2</sub>e Water 4 litres Fibre 1 g Calories 3 kCal Protein 0 g</p>
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4. Choose one fruit option:

<p><b>Strawberries</b> By air, handful (80g)</p>  <p><b>CO<sub>2</sub>e</b> 2 minutes driving</p> <p>Emissions 408 gCO<sub>2</sub>e Water 14 litres Fibre 3 g Calories 24 kCal Protein 0 g</p>	<p><b>Strawberries</b> Seasonal, handful (80g)</p>  <p><b>CO<sub>2</sub>e</b> 1 minutes driving</p> <p>Emissions 136 gCO<sub>2</sub>e Water 17 litres Fibre 3 g Calories 24 kCal Protein 0 g</p>	<p><b>Banana</b> Small (80g)</p>  <p><b>CO<sub>2</sub>e</b> 0.3 minutes driving</p> <p>Emissions 55 gCO<sub>2</sub>e Water 43 litres Fibre 2 g Calories 65 kCal Protein 1 g</p>
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If you are using a different portion size then you will need to change the greenhouse gas emissions value to take this into account.

**Chips**  
Oven cooked (200g)



**CO<sub>2</sub>e**  
4 minutes driving

Emissions 600 gCO<sub>2</sub>e  
Water 33 litres  
Fibre 8 g  
Calories 488 kCal  
Protein 6 g

Use this number to calculate the total emissions from your lunch.



Remember to drink plenty of water

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## HANDS ON ACTIVITY

**Our mission...** is to calculate the greenhouse gas emissions of your **favourite dish**.

**You will need...** ingredients list and quantities of your favourite recipe\*, a pencil, a piece of paper, a calculator (optional) and the Climate Food Flashcards.

Download the Climate Food Flashcards here:  
<https://www.takeabitecc.org/flashcards.html>

\* It can be your parent's signature recipe, or a traditional family recipe, or it can be a sandwich, or a dessert! What recipe brings you the best memories?

**Who can participate?** You can play it on your own or with your family.

### What to do...

1. First, using the Climate Food Flashcards find the cards of all the recipe ingredients.
2. Find the greenhouse gas emissions ( $\text{gCO}_2\text{e}$ ) value on each of your chosen ingredients cards, and add up all these numbers to calculate the total greenhouse gas emissions from your favorite dish. You can also play with the food calculators in the "I want more". Remember to check the portion size when you are calculating the carbon emissions: sometimes you will need to change the greenhouse gas emissions value of the ingredient to match the portion size you are using. Ask an adult to help you or drop us an email at [queries@takeabitecc.org](mailto:queries@takeabitecc.org)

What did you learn? Is your favorite dish a good option for helping to lower greenhouse gas emissions? Can you swap ingredients from your favorite dish to decrease the greenhouse gas emissions?

Don't forget to take a picture of this adventure and share with us!

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## I WANT MORE

Take a look at these extra resources:

- What's your diet's carbon footprint?  
<https://tinyurl.com/yyhrwj5>
- The kids cook Monday  
<https://tinyurl.com/yb64bsfl>
- Food carbon emissions calculator  
<https://tinyurl.com/ycfvpvlp>

Find all these links and more on:

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Hi all, we've developed this activity thinking about how food and climate change is connected with our daily lives. Choosing a recipe that you like makes it easier to understand your diet's carbon emissions.

