



Go Greta Challenge

**A music challenge by
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Hello everyone!

It's Dyzelle here – I hope you are all safe and well.

By now, you may have listened to the songs that Janet helped schools to write this year for our Sing and Sign event – if you're able to get online, there are some lovely videos made by Lucy that helps you learn all of the Makaton signs too!

The song 'Go Greta' is about a young environmental activist called Greta Thunberg. You might have seen Greta on the television, but if you're not sure who she is, here is a youtube clip that shows her in action:

https://youtu.be/zKTQW5i9_p8

Despite only being 17, she has been standing up to the most important politicians and world leaders, to tell them why we need to start protecting our planet.

But it's not just politicians that can save our planet – we can all make tiny changes in our everyday lives that can help the planet. I want you to think like Greta, and start coming up with ideas for things we can all do to help protect our environment and our planet. I have included a few ideas to get you started on the next page and some guidelines for how to turn these ideas into your very own rap – I know this sounds dead fancy, but I've given you all the info you need to become the next Jay-Z!

Have fun and we'd love to hear your ideas for tiny changes we can all make, or the raps you write! Please tag us on social media using the details below, or email them to us at sregan@thepoint.org.uk

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Part 1: idea gathering

First things first – we need to think about the tiny changes we can all do!

Here are some to get you started, but add in your own ideas below:

- Switch lights off when we leave a room
- Put things in the correct bin for recycling
- Don't fill the kettle with more water than we need
- Turn off the tap whilst you brush your teeth

Add in your ideas below:

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Can you try and do these things at home or at school? Don't worry about doing them all at once – maybe you could pick one to start with and try really hard to do that, like making sure you switch the lights off when a room is empty (make sure the room is empty though, otherwise people might get a bit annoyed!).

A talented bunch of musicians from a local Doncaster school have written a rap, all about the tiny changes we can all do to help. Their lyrics are on the next page, and the link to the audio track is below – can you learn the words and try and join in? The rap goes pretty fast, so you may have to practise a few times before you can fit all the words in at the same speed!

<https://wearedarts.org.uk/resources/all-aboard-tiny-changes-rap/>

Tiny changes – rap lyrics

Tiny changes, tiny changes
Tiny changes we need to do,
Tiny changes, tiny changes
To stop global warming, we need a new view

Turn things off when not in use
Stop your appliances using all the juice
Don't fill your kettle more than you need
Pick up litter - do a good deed.

Water your garden with rain you collect
Wildlife and plants you can protect
Cycle or walk to school if you can
Recycle, recycle, recycle is the plan

Part 2: Write your own rap

I thought you might want to have a go at writing your own rap, using some of the ideas for tiny changes that you came up with earlier – I'd recommend keeping the first 4 lines of the Tiny Changes rap, and write your own bit that goes after that!

Raps sound pretty complicated, but they're not as scary as you think to write – the real skill comes in performing them with confidence (more on that later)!

Rap songs are normally written in pairs of lines, where the endings rhyme with each other, so the end of line 1 rhymes with the end of line 2, the end of line 3 rhymes with the end of line 4, like this:

1. Turn things off when not in **use**
2. Stop your appliances using all the **juice**
3. Don't fill your kettle more than you **need**
4. Pick up litter – do a good **deed**

You might need an adult to help you work out these rhymes, but don't worry too much about – this is YOUR rap, so if you don't want it to rhyme, it doesn't have to.

If you do want to work on rhyming, I'd start by writing a list of important words from your ideas in section 1. Pick out some of the important words and see if you can think of words that rhyme with them (I sometimes go through the alphabet and try each letter at the start of my ending sound, to see if it makes a good word. So, if I wanted to rhyme with 'deed', I might try bead, feed, lead, etc.

Once you have some lines, try grouping them in groups of 4 lines, like I have done with the Tiny Changes lyrics on the previous page. Remember to try and make every line roughly the same length – the best way to check this, is if you say your lines out loud, and you'll instantly know if your lines fit!

On the next page, I have included a template for you to add your lines to – you'll see these are labelled as 'set 1' or 'set 2' etc. A set is just the rap word for a group of 4 lines, just like a verse in a song!

My Rap

Set 1:

Line 1: Tiny changes, tiny changes,

Line 2: Tiny changes, we need to do

Line 3: Tiny changes, tiny changes,

Line 4: To stop global warming, we need a new view

Set 2:

Line 1:

Line 2:

Line 3:

Line 4:

Set 3:

Line 1:

Line 2:

Line 3:

Line 4:

Performing your rap

This is the hard bit! The tip to a successful rap, is looking and sounding confident, even if you aren't feeling that way! Say your lines with attitude! I have included the backing track from the Tiny Changes rap, for you to practise saying your lines along with – feel free to practise this over and over until you feel confident:

<https://wearedarts.org.uk/resources/tiny-changes-backing-track/>

Remember, we would love to hear the raps you create, or even just the ideas for tiny changes, so feel free to send them into us using the info at the start of the pack!