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**B. Define ecological footprint IN YOUR OWN WORDS.**

**C. Do you think you have a large or small ecological footprint compared to your friends? Explain.**

**D. Do you think you have a large or small ecological footprint compared to your great-grandparents?**

**Explain.**

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**G. How many planet Earths would be needed to provide enough resources if everyone lived like you.**

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**H. What is your Carbon footprint? (CO2 emissions per year)**

**I. Looking at your results by land type, rank the following from 1 (least) to 6 (most) to indicate what productive area of Earth you use most.**

***Carbon Footprint, Crop Land, Grazing Land, Forest products, Built-Up Land, Fishing Grounds***

**J.** **Draw out the pie chart of your ecological footprint break-down. Record your gha values­­­ on the chart.**

**\*\*gha=global hectares is a measurement of your ecological footprint**

**K**. **Write a 5 sentence paragraph analyzing your results. Does this number surprise you? Why or why not? What is your personal reaction to these results? Does this activity make you want to change certain things about your lifestyle? Why or why not? Where do you think your highest numbers come from?**

7. Explore the actions you can take to decrease your ecological footprint by clicking the arrow to view “Solutions”. Read

the actions/scenarios carefully and check the actions/scenarios that would be possible for you to do.

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