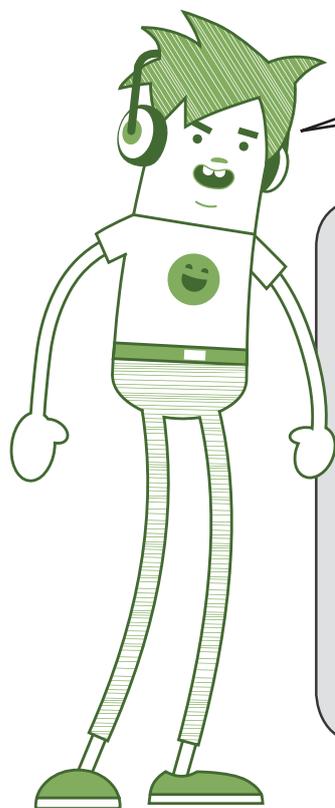


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Water, water everywhere

In Bangladesh, some people live on islands in rivers. Their homes are at risk from flooding.



Here's a map of Bangladesh. Use an atlas or the internet to add some detail.

Can you mark:

- the major rivers
- the Himalayan mountains
- the sea?

Climate change

Climate change is changing weather patterns all over the world, and in Bangladesh it's making floods more likely. The land in Bangladesh is quite flat and low and there are lots of rivers. The rivers carry water from the Himalayan mountains to the sea. The rains have got heavier in the mountains, which can make rivers rise in Bangladesh and cause floods.

Climate change is caused by pollution.

Suggest three things that you or your class could do to reduce pollution and be more environmentally friendly.

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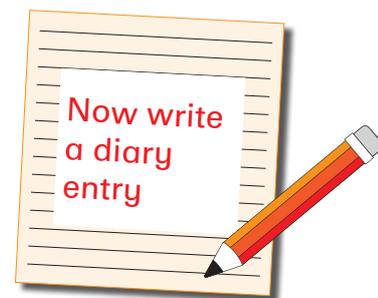
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A day in the life of Sokhina

Read Sokhina’s story. Imagine that you are Sokhina and use some paper to write a diary entry about life on your island.

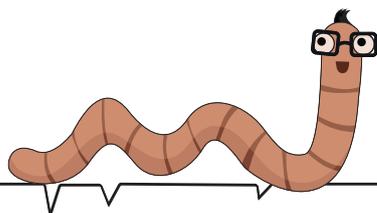
How do you feel about the river?

What are your hopes for the future?



Compost composition

Sokhina’s family would like to get some worms so that they can grow more vegetables. Worms eat up food waste and make compost, which can be used to grow plants. Can you draw a picture or diagram below to show how worms can help people living on islands?



Adding up the cost

As well as being able to grow more food, Sokhina’s family would like to raise their house so it’s on higher ground and safer from flooding.

Look at the price list below:

Worm farm:	£21
Seeds and trees:	£3
Goat:	£25
Raising a house:	£200

In total, how much would it cost to help Sokhina’s family raise their house and have more food?

If you had a budget of £200, what would you spend it on?

Sokhina's story:



Christian Aid/Nicky Milne

Sokhina is eight years old and she lives on a river island in Bangladesh.

This island is small and crumbly, because the islands in the river are made of sandy silt, not hard rock. When the river floods, the islands can be washed away.

Floods happen a lot in Bangladesh, because there are so many rivers flowing through the country. The rivers carry melting snow from the Himalayan mountains to the sea, so when more snow melts in the mountains, the rivers get higher. Heavy rain can make the rivers higher too.

Climate change is changing weather patterns around the world and flooding is becoming more of a problem for people in Bangladesh.

Sokhina's family had to move when the island they lived on was washed away in a flood. Sokhina was just a baby when that happened, so her mum put her in a cooking pot and used it like a little boat to carry Sokhina to a safe place on another island. She also made a raft to carry the rest of the family to safety.

But her family still worry about flooding. When the river rises, the water sometimes comes right up into their house. One night, Sokhina's baby brother fell out of his bed and into the floodwater. Luckily, his mum woke up and pulled him out.

Sokhina's family would like to raise their house up onto higher ground, where they would feel safer from flooding. Christian Aid has already helped Sokhina's friends, Farhad and Juti, to raise their house and it is much better.

Christian Aid has also given Farhad and Juti's families a worm farm so that they can make compost. It used to be very difficult for them to grow vegetables in the sandy soil of their river island, but this has helped them to grow lots of lovely food.

Sokhina's family would like to get some worms so that they can grow more vegetables too. If they had more food and a higher house, like Farhad and Juti, then they would feel much safer and happier on their island home.