

News story – The Shrinking Island!

- Imagine that you are making a news report about the island that you have coloured in to show sea level rise. One of your group is the news reporter and the other 3 are a fisherman, house wife and farmer from the island.
- Make a news report that can be presented to the class about how it felt to be on the island in the years whilst this was happening, and how it changed people's lives.
- Use the suggestions below and your imagination to help come up with ideas about what to say and the questions the reporter could ask.

News reporter

Introduce the story of the island:

- Make up a name for the island
- Explain that sea levels have risen
- Imagine the effects of sea level rise on the island's inhabitants
- Ask the farmer, fisherman and housewife how their lives have changed.
- End the report by summing up the story in a sentence.

Farmer

You could describe to the reporter:

- What you farmed before the sea covered your crops.
- What it was like seeing your fields disappear as the sea rose? (did you worry about the future for your family, did you try to protect your crops by putting up sand bags?)

House wife

You could describe to the reporter:

- What was it like having to move the whole family out of your house as the sea rose?
- Where did you go?
- What are your plans for the future?
- Many places must have been covered by the sea. Which place do you feel saddest that you can no longer visit?

Fisherman

You could describe to the reporter:

- What did you do when the sea rose and the port where you launched your boat from became submerged?
- Did your boat become a useful service for people?
- What do you see as the future for the island? Will people re-build the town or leave?