Comprehensible Input

Example:

Strategies	Description
Simplified Language	Instead of: "Global warming is caused by the greenhouse effect and rising global temperatures." Say: "The Earth gets warmer because gases in the air act like a blanket. The blanket traps heat and makes the planet hotter. That's global warming."
Visuals	Show a simple infographic or timeline with: • The greenhouse effect • Rising global temperatures • Melting ice and rising sea levels • Real photos of wildfires or floods GLOBAL WARMING The greenhouse effect Rising global temperatures Melting ice and rising sea levels Melting ice and rising sea levels

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Gestures & Movement	 Act out some causes with students: Hands start as a block above the head (ice on the mountains/glaciers). Hands slowly lower and "melt" apart (ice turning into water). Arms flow outward/downward (water flowing into the oceans).
Word Bank	climate, temperature, carbon dioxide, pollution, Earth, change, heat, weather
Real-world Connection	Say: "Have you noticed that summers are getting hotter or that storms are happening more often? That's one way we see climate change."
Sentence Frames	"Climate change means" "One reason Earth is getting warmer is" "We can help the planet by"