**Changes in US Climate Script**

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| **Speech** | **Image** |
| This may seem far away, but climate change is already affecting us right now in the places where we live.  - Because of climate change, in the US hurricanes have become increasingly intense and cause much more harm and damages. Hurricane Katrina caused more than 1,800 deaths and more than 100 billion dollars in damages. | Shows a hurricane / a storm that tear off a roof and a palm tree. |
| * The amount of air pollution generated by burning fossil fuels is already responsible for 200,000 deaths in the US each year | Shows a polluting car then a skull with “200,000”. |
| * Heatwaves are becoming longer, more frequent and more severe.   In the absence of ambitious action against climate change, the US will experience 70 days of extreme heat per year (that is six times more than in the past) and up to 135 days a year in a State like Texas. | Shows a desert with someone sweating more and more. |
| * In the South and in the Midwest, agricultural yields will decrease because of the heat. | Shows a corn field with some visible cobs and some cobs dry up or disappear. (It could be bananas, tomatoes or else instead of corn). |
| * With the mix of more hurricanes, rising sea levels, more heatwaves, and lower agricultural output, the average income in Southern states will be 10 to 20% lower than it could be. | Shows a farmer with money, then with less money. |
| * In the North-East, the risk of heavy rain has already increased by 55%. More severe storms and rising sea levels will lead to more flooding | Shows a coast with sea-level rise, a storm, and a flood. |
| * In the West, hotter and drier conditions are causing more wildfires. Since the mid 80s, the area burned by wildfires across the Western US is estimated to have been twice what it would have been without climate change. This was even before accounting for the California wildfires last summer, which were by far the largest on record. | Shows a forest fire. |
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