Electric and Hybrid Electric Vehicles, 1st Edition

Which type of ultraviolet radiation is the most harmful to living organisms on earth? What is meant by the term "carbon-based society?" What are hydrocarbons? What does carbon footprint mean?	
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. What are the six things people can do to reduce their individual carbon footprint?	

Answer Key

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- 1. UVB, is only partially absorbed by the ozone layer and can cause damage to biological organisms. Page Ref: 31
- 2. An economy that uses only carbon-based fuels is often referred to as a carbon-based society. Page Ref: 28
- 3. Carbon atoms are attached to hydrogen atoms to form hydrocarbons, abbreviated HC. Page Ref: 28
- 4. Total carbon footprint includes energy- related emissions from human activities, including heat, light, power, refrigeration, and all transport-related emissions from vehicles, freight, and distribution. The carbon footprint is a representation of the effect a person or organization has on the climate in terms of the total volume of greenhouse gases (mostly carbon dioxide) produced.

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- 5. The following is a list of simple things that can be done immediately that will start to reduce the contribution to climate change.
 - 1. Turn electrical devices off when not in use, such as lights, television, and computer.
 - 2. Turn down the central heating slightly (try just 1 to 2 degrees).
 - 3. Turn down the water heating setting (just 2 degrees will make a significant saving).
 - 4. Check the central heating timer setting—there is no point in heating the house if everyone is at work during the day.
 - 5. Fill the dishwasher and washing machine with a full load—this will save water and electricity, as well as detergent.
 - 6. Unplug the cell phone as soon as it has finished charging.
 - 7. Defrost the freezer regularly; if not done automatically, consider disabling the automatic function to save electricity.
 - 8. Do shopping in a single trip.
 - 9. Travel less and when traveling, use more using carbon-footprint-friendly vehicles.
 - 10. Purchase a fuel-efficient vehicle, such an electric vehicle (EV) or hybrid electric vehicle (HEV).

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