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# Play the Wheel of Misfortune - the climate chaos lottery

Life's a lottery eh? You win some, you lose some. Climate change is a strange game we're all involved in. Right now we're seeing the effects from the last 100 years and we're still pumping more greenhouse gases like Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) into the atmosphere. The impacts are far reaching. The UK has just had the wettest year and the warmest decade on record. Extreme weather events aren't the exception, they're increasingly the rule.

The stakes are getting higher. 2,000 climate scientists have predicted that the UK will have more erratic and severe weather leading to increasing floods and droughts, snow becoming a thing of the past and coastal areas threatened. A 3°C rise in global temperature - and there's a 1 in 4 chance of this happening\* - will vastly increase populations of pests such as ticks, cockroaches, rats and corn-borers, which can devastate agriculture. Sound OK? Well there's a 1 in 20 chance of an increase of 6°C, at which point a 1-metre sea level rise combined with increasing desertification and more severe storms spells climate catastrophe.

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Despite this, we're not just observers of the Wheel. Whilst our politicians talk hot air and trade away our future, we are odds-on favourites to take back control and play our stakes on our common future.

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