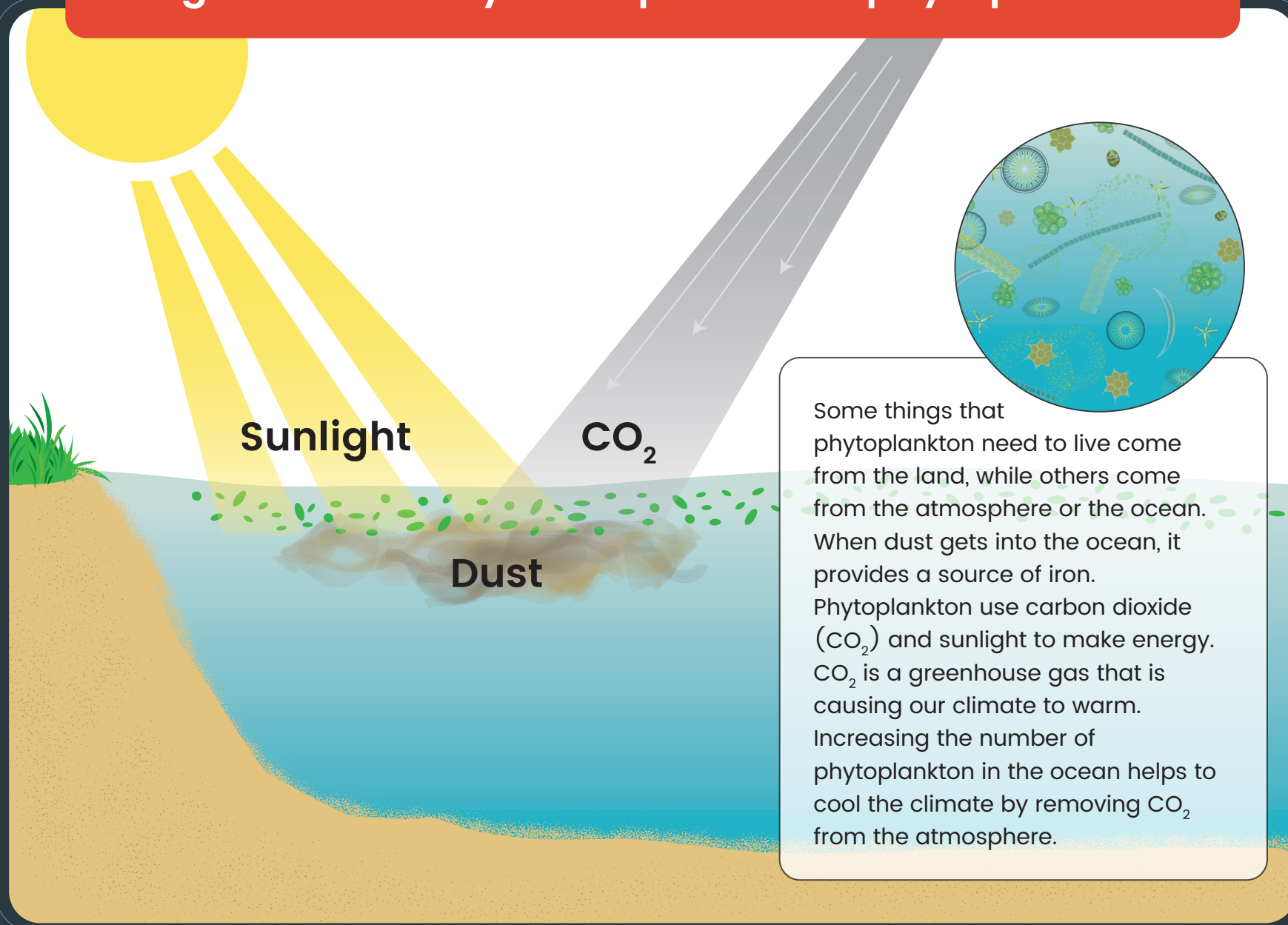


**Congratulations—you helped make phytoplankton!**



Some things that phytoplankton need to live come from the land, while others come from the atmosphere or the ocean. When dust gets into the ocean, it provides a source of iron. Phytoplankton use carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and sunlight to make energy. CO<sub>2</sub> is a greenhouse gas that is causing our climate to warm. Increasing the number of phytoplankton in the ocean helps to cool the climate by removing CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere.