

21ST CENTURY SKILLS – UNIT 2 PART 1. VOCABULARY

Read and listen to the sentences with words from the student presentation you will hear. Guess the meanings of the words or phrases in blue (a-j). Then drag and drop them to complete each sentence with the correct word or phrase (1-10).

- a. Before the flooding, government leaders did not believe that climate change was real. Now, however, they are finally **taking** it **seriously**.
- b. Some cities have already made plans for climate change. Unfortunately, other cities have **barely** started their preparations. They need to do more, now.
- c. Sea walls can give cities on the coast some **protection** against floods.
- d. Scientists **predict** that by the year 2100, the sea level will rise by up to five feet.
- e. One city with no natural lakes has built an **artificial** lake. The new lake can hold a lot of rainwater during heavy storms.
- f. You can read about climate change in **documents** prepared by the United Nations.
- g. Many countries agreed to reduce pollution, but without a plan of action it was mainly a **symbolic** gesture.
- h. Loss of sea ice has dangerous **consequences**, such as more frequent floods.
- i. There has been a **dramatic** increase in the number of floods in the last 10 years—up 50 percent.
- j. At the **current** rate of increase, there will be more floods in the future.

1. The speaker has a soft voice so we can _____ hear her.
2. You should keep important _____, such as your passport, in a safe place.
3. The photographs are not worth a lot of money, but they have great _____ importance.
4. Experts _____ that the world's population will be 9.7 billion in 2050.
5. He spends four hours every night on his homework. He is _____ his school work very _____ this semester.
6. There was a(n) _____ change in the price of oil in 2008. It fell from \$145 to \$30 in less than six months.
7. Any increase in the price of oil will have serious _____ for the whole country.
8. I use only real sugar in my coffee. I don't like the _____ kind.
9. The _____ temperature is 68 degrees F, but it will get warmer later today.
10. The police provide _____ for everyone in the city.