

## **TED Talk: The disarming case to act right now on climate change**

**Speaker: Greta Thunberg**

1. What do we learn about Greta in the first minutes of her talk? (personality, childhood)
2. How did she first hear about global warming or climate change?
3. Complete.
  - Greta Thunberg believes that autistic people are the \_\_\_\_\_ and the rest of the people are \_\_\_\_\_, especially when it comes to the \_\_\_\_\_ where everyone keeps saying that climate change is an existential threat and the most important issue of all and yet they just \_\_\_\_\_ like before.
  - You would think the \_\_\_\_\_ and every one of our \_\_\_\_\_ would be talking about nothing else, but they never even mention. Nor does \_\_\_\_\_ ever mention the greenhouse gases already locked in the system.
  - Nor does hardly anyone ever speak about the aspect of equity or \_\_\_\_\_ clearly stated everywhere in the Paris agreement, which is absolutely necessary to make it work on a \_\_\_\_\_. That means that rich countries need to get down to zero emissions within 6 to 12 years with today's emission speed. And that is so that people in \_\_\_\_\_ can have a chance to heighten their standard of living by building some of the infrastructure that \_\_\_\_\_ such as roads, schools, hospitals, clean drinking water, electricity and so on. Because how can we expect countries like \_\_\_\_\_ to care about the climate crisis if we, who already have everything, don't care even a second about it or our actual commitments to the Paris agreement?

3. Read the following quotes of Greta:

- Some people say that I should be in school instead. Some people say that I should study to become a climate scientist so that I can "solve the climate crisis"
- "To panic, unless you have to, is a terrible idea. But when your house is on fire and you want to keep your house from burning to the ground, that does require some level of panic"

★ Why does she disagree with those who tell her she should be in school?

★ In your opinion, what does the "house on fire" represent?

4. Complete the extract.

At the end of her Talk, Greta says that people usually starts \_\_\_\_\_: solar panels, wind power, circular economy and so on but she won't do that.

People had 30 years of pep talking and \_\_\_\_\_ but it doesn't work.

We do need \_\_\_\_\_ of course we do, but the one thing we need more than hope is \_\_\_\_\_. Once we start to act, hope is everywhere. So instead of \_\_\_\_\_, look for action, then and only then, hope will come.