

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.