

## TEXT 2: GRETA THUNBERG: OUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE

1 I have some good and some bad news regarding the climate emergency. I will start with the good news. The world will not end  
2 in 11 years, as a small number of people have been saying lately. The bad news, however, is that around the year 2030 the climate  
3 breakdown will be completely irreversible, if we don't change the way in which we are doing things.

4 A lot of people don't agree with what we, young children, are saying. They say that we are exaggerating, that we are alarmists.  
5 But the climate and ecological emergency is right here, right now. In the Paris agreement we have only signed up for staying below  
6 1.5 to 2 degrees of temperature rise, while the latest scientific report shows that if we aim lower, the impact on climate will be  
7 significantly reduced and countless human lives will be saved.

8 Now political leaders in some countries are starting to declare climate emergencies, and that is good. But the changes required  
9 are still nowhere in sight. And the biggest danger is not our inaction. The real danger is that companies and politicians are making  
10 it look like real action is happening, when in fact almost nothing is being done.

11 We cannot solve the crisis without treating it as a crisis, without considering the full picture. We are in a real emergency: richer  
12 countries should get down to zero emissions as soon as possible, while poorer countries need more energy to provide clean  
13 drinking water to their citizens and build some of the infrastructure that we already have, such as roads, hospitals, electricity and  
14 schools. The climate emergency has only just begun, and it will get worse.

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

9. If the present situation continues, in a decade...

- (a) the climate emergency will come to an end.
- (b) the effects of climate change will be permanent.
- (c) the countries will come to an agreement.
- (d) the effects of climate change will be reversible.

10. According to Greta, the climate disaster...

- (a) is an exaggeration.
- (b) is unlikely to happen.
- (c) is an invention of pessimists.
- (d) is a real problem today.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

11. The Paris agreement is enough to solve the climate issue in the future.

12. The necessary measures to prevent the climate problem have already been taken.

13. According to the author, the biggest threat is certain hypocritical attitudes.

14. All countries in the world should make the same effort to reduce emissions.

15. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

15.1. ONE OPPOSITE FOR "repairable" (adjective).

15.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "innumerable" (adjective).

16. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

16.1. ONE WORD MEANING "someone who is in control or in charge of a group of people"

16.2. ONE WORD MEANING "someone who causes unnecessary fear or anxiety"