

Open Gap Fill - Climate Change & Environment

Year 7 | B2 Level

Instructions: Read the text below and fill in the gaps with ONE suitable word in each space. Think carefully about grammar, context, and meaning.

Climate Change: A Global Challenge

Climate change is (1) _____ of the most pressing issues facing humanity today. Scientists around the world agree that human activities, particularly the burning of fossil fuels, are (2) _____ primary cause of rising global temperatures. (3) _____ the industrial revolution, the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has increased dramatically, leading to the greenhouse effect. The consequences of climate change are already visible. Extreme weather events, such (4) _____ hurricanes, droughts, and heatwaves, have become more frequent and intense. Polar ice caps are melting at an alarming rate, causing sea levels to rise and threatening coastal communities. Many species are struggling to adapt (5) _____ rapidly changing conditions, putting biodiversity at risk. Despite (6) _____ growing awareness of these challenges, progress in addressing climate change has been slow. Many countries are reluctant to take decisive action because they fear (7) _____ might harm their economies. Industries that rely (8) _____ fossil fuels often resist change, arguing that transitioning to renewable energy is too expensive. (9) _____, there are reasons for optimism. The cost of renewable energy technologies, such as solar and wind power, has decreased significantly in recent years, making them increasingly competitive (10) _____. traditional energy sources. More and more countries are committing to ambitious targets for reducing carbon emissions, (11) _____ some aim to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. Individual actions also play an important role. By making small changes in our daily lives – such as reducing meat consumption, using public transport, or choosing products with less packaging – we can contribute (12) _____ the fight against climate change. Young people, in particular, have been at the forefront of demanding action from governments and businesses. Education is another crucial factor. The more people understand

(13) climate change and its impacts, the more likely they are to support necessary changes. Schools around the world are incorporating environmental education into their curricula, helping to raise a generation that is (14) aware of sustainability issues. Looking to the future, it is clear that addressing climate change will require cooperation on an unprecedented scale. No single country can solve this problem (15) its own. International agreements, such as the Paris Agreement, provide a framework for collective action, but their success depends on whether nations are willing to prioritize the planet (16) short-term economic interests.

Answer Key

1. **one** (one of the most pressing issues)
2. **the** (the primary cause)
3. **Since** (time expression - Since the industrial revolution)
4. **as** (such as)
5. **to** (adapt to)
6. **the / this** (the growing awareness)
7. **it / this / action** (fear it might harm)
8. **on** (rely on)
9. **However / Nevertheless / Yet** (contrast)
10. **with** (competitive with)
11. **and / with** (linking clause)
12. **to** (contribute to)
13. **about** (understand about climate change)
14. **more** (more aware)
15. **on** (on its own)
16. **over** (prioritize X over Y)

Common Gap Fill Patterns:

- **Prepositions:** at, in, on, of, to, with, for, about
- **Articles:** a, an, the
- **Conjunctions:** and, but, or, although, because, while
- **Pronouns:** it, that, which, who, their, its
- **Auxiliary verbs:** have, has, had, will, would, can, could
- **Quantifiers:** some, any, much, many, more, most