

Writing

2.21 Write a letter to your future child about the problems of climate change. To do this, take the following steps.

- a** Do an online search for 'open letter to my future child.' You will find many different examples. As a class explore three or four of these letters by breaking up into smaller groups and assigning one to each group of students.
- b** As a group, define the stylistic and structural features that typify this text type. How does the author of your text use language to create a certain effect from his audience? Discuss these defining characteristics as a class and make a list of them.
- c** Now turn your attention to what is going on in the news today as far as climate change is concerned. Are there frequent hurricanes and typhoons? Are climate agreements being made or broken? As a class, come up with a list of topics that are related to climate change that you can draw from for your writing assignment.
- d** Write a letter to your future child, taking into consideration the ways in which other people have done this before. In your letter, explore one or more of the topics that you discussed as a class.
- e** Ask a classmate and teacher to read your letter and give you advice, using the assessment criteria from Paper 1.
- f** Rewrite your letter for final submission. Keep a copy of this letter in a safe place, in case you ever want to give it to someone in the future.

2.22 Research one issue in the world today that is directly caused by global warming. It could be about flooding in Bangladesh (Text 5.7), hungry polar bears, or the frequency of hurricanes and typhoons. Write a news article in which you report on this issue. Support your article with evidence and facts. For help on writing news reports see Unit 6.5.

2.23 There are several films and documentaries about global warming and its effects. *An Inconvenient Truth* is often cited as a landmark film in the genre. *An Inconvenient Sequel* (2017) is even more up to date. Watch these films, or one of the following:

- *A Sea Change*
- *The 11th Hour*
- *The Age of Stupid*
- *Cowspiracy*.

After viewing one of these films, write a journalistic review for a popular magazine. For more support on review writing, see Unit 6.2.

Extended Essay

Your Category 1 extended essay should be a study of language related to its cultural context or a specific text. Language is used as a tool for persuading people to care more or less about global warming. Find a lengthy text that discusses global warming and analyse its use of language. Remember, a 'text' may be anything that conveys meaning, including film, graphic novels, advertising campaigns, or magazine articles. A good example might be the film *An Inconvenient Truth* by Al Gore. A good extended essay would explore how Al Gore uses language to convince people to care more about the environment.

