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6 Minute English worksheet

Kids and climate change



1. Look at the cover image and title of the episode. What do you think this episode is about? What do you know about this topic already? What vocabulary do you associate with this topic?
2. Now listen to the first two minutes of the episode.
 - What do the presenters say the episode is about?
 - What is this week's question? What do you think the answer is?
3. Now listen to the whole episode. As you listen, write down the six items of vocabulary. What do they mean?

- a) Word/phrase: _____
It means: _____.
- b) Word/phrase: _____
It means: _____.
- c) Word/phrase: _____
It means: _____.
- d) Word/phrase: _____
It means: _____.
- e) Word/phrase: _____
It means: _____.
- f) Word/phrase: _____
It means: _____.

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4. What did you learn that was surprising or new in this episode?

5. Answer the quiz questions. Listen again or use the transcript to help you.

1. How do children think adults are responding to climate change?
 - a) they think adults are listening to children's fears
 - b) they think adults are not doing enough to fix the problem
 - c) they think adults are blaming children for climate change
2. Which phrase could you use if 'something makes you emotional, upset or confused'?
 - a) It freaks me out!
 - b) It freaks me up!
 - c) It freaks me on!
3. What does it mean to 'put something off'?
 - a) to choose not to discuss it
 - b) to ask someone how they feel about it
 - c) to delay it until later
4. "Dave stays in bed all day, never works, and expects his mum and dad to pay for everything. He's a real _____."
 - a) champion
 - b) parasite
 - c) one in a million
5. How many school children adopted Greta Thunberg's School Strikes for Climate?
 - a) 16,000
 - b) 1.6 million
 - c) 16 million
6. Which idiom describes something which is 'very special, rare or unlikely'?
 - a) one in a million
 - b) fifty-fifty
 - c) catch-22

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6. Write your own sentences using the vocabulary.

7. Answer the following questions.

- What are three things you have learnt from this episode?
- How does this topic make you feel?
- Give three examples relevant to your life using the vocabulary.

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Answers

3.

a) climate anxiety

feeling worried, afraid or depressed because of global climate change

b) parasite

animal or plant that lives on/in another living creature and feeds from it;
person who is lazy and lives off other people who support them or give them money

c) freaks (me) out

causes (me) to become very emotional, upset, angry or confused

d) one in a million

extremely special, rare or unlikely

e) put (something) off

delay doing something until a later time

f) push (something) away

decide to forget about or ignore something

5. 1b, 2a, 3c, 4b, 5b, 6a

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Teacher's notes

This worksheet is standardised so that you can amend and use it as appropriate with your classes.

Some topics may be difficult for learners, especially those which could be upsetting or cause offence. Please be mindful of this when using this worksheet, and adapt it as necessary.

Expansion activities

- Role-play an interview with an 'interviewer' and an 'expert' on this topic.
- Write a short story or article using the vocabulary from this episode.
- Read original articles on this topic.
- For homework: If it is available in your country, download and listen to the original podcast these extracts were taken from.