

Greta Thunberg



Pre-Reading

A. Warm-Up Questions

1. Where is Greta Thunberg from?
2. What is an activist?
3. What does Greta Thunberg care a lot about?

B. Vocabulary Preview

Match up as many words and meanings as you can.

Check this exercise again after seeing the words in context on page 2.

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| _____ 1. activist | a) related to nature and its care |
| _____ 2. climate change | b) a protest where people leave a classroom or workplace |
| _____ 3. depressed | c) a march or event where people voice opinions against something |
| _____ 4. protest (<i>noun</i>) | d) unhappy, in a low mood |
| _____ 5. walkout | e) a large event for sharing ideas about a topic or issue |
| _____ 6. environmental | f) changes in Earth's average temperatures and weather patterns |
| _____ 7. conference | g) to not succeed, to achieve poor results |
| _____ 8. fail | h) a person who feels strongly about an issue and tries to get others to make a change |

Reading

GRETA THUNBERG

1. Greta Thunberg is an environmental **activist** from Sweden. At the age of 16, she took a year off from school. She wanted to fight for the planet.
2. Greta was a quiet child. She studied **climate change** and often felt **depressed** about it. Her first **protest** was silent. She sat outside Sweden’s parliament with a sign that said “School Strike for Climate.” This silent protest helped Thunberg find her voice.
3. Greta Thunberg began to organize weekly **walkouts**. She called them Fridays for Future. Students around the world joined her. A year later, she led the Global Climate Strike. At least four million people joined the protest. It was one of the largest **environmental** protests in history.
4. In 2019, Thunberg took an environmentally friendly sailboat across the Atlantic. She went to a global warming **conference** in New York. She also spoke as a youth leader at the United Nations Climate Action Summit. Her message to world leaders was loud and clear: “You are **failing** us!”
5. Greta Thunberg doesn’t want leaders to listen to youth. She wants them to listen to science. Thunberg believes the science is *crystal clear*: We are running out of time to save our planet.



“You are never too small to make a difference.”

—Greta Thunberg

Writing

MY KNOWLEDGE

Copy one sentence from the reading that goes under each category. More than one answer is possible.

1. School

2. Depression

3. Protests

4. Transportation

Comprehension

A. True or False?

Read the statements below. If the statement is true, write T beside the sentence. If it is false, write F and correct the information in your notebook.

- _____ 1. Greta Thunberg took time off from school to sail around the world.
- _____ 2. Fridays for Future is the name of weekly walkouts.
- _____ 3. Millions of people marched in the Global Climate Strike.
- _____ 4. In 2019, Thunberg flew to New York for a climate change conference.
- _____ 5. Greta Thunberg wants world leaders to listen to the climate change science.

B. Forming Questions

Work with a partner. Here are the answers. What are the questions?

1. _____

Greta Thunberg took a year off from school to focus on activism.

2. _____

Approximately four million people joined the Global Climate Strike.

3. _____

She took an environmentally friendly sailboat to the climate change conference in New York.

4. _____

Her message to world leaders at the summit was "You are failing us!"

Vocabulary Review

A. Choose the Correct Word

Circle the correct word or phrase to complete each sentence.

1. She became an environmental _____ in her teens.
 - a) active
 - b) activist
 - c) activism
2. There are student _____ every Friday.
 - a) protest
 - b) protests
 - c) protested
3. I feel _____ when I think about climate change.
 - a) depressing
 - b) depressed
 - c) depress
4. Three kids in my class did not join the _____.
 - a) walkout
 - b) walk about
 - c) walk off
5. We did a presentation at the _____.
 - a) confederation
 - b) confer
 - c) conference
6. We are _____. Many species are dying.
 - a) failing
 - b) failure
 - c) fail

B. Synonyms or Antonyms?

Are the following words synonyms or antonyms?

#	Word Pair	Synonyms or Antonyms?
1	climate change / global warming	
2	walkout / strike	
3	fail / succeed	
4	conference / summit	
5	depressed / happy	

Listening

Listen to a recording of this reading.

Fill in the blanks. Listen again and check your answers.

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