

EVIDENCE

1. Exercises: Fill in the blanks with "should" or "shouldn't"

- 1) You smoke so much.
- 2) Mariaeat less to become fit.
- 3) Weprotect our environment.
- 4) You.....watch too much TV.
- 5) I think sheattend classes on time.
- 6) Wepollute environment.
- 7) Juliabe late for the classes.
- 8) Babies.....be left lonely at home.
- 9) I think youuse your computer carefully.

2. Watch the video and choose the aspects, which are relevant for you

<https://youtu.be/4iJ3NOUoPHs>

3. Read about Climate Activist Greta Thunberg

How did a 15-year-old high school student from Sweden become the world's most famous **climate change** activist? This reading tells the story of Greta Thunberg's amazing journey.

a. First, check these words:

biosphere (noun): all the places in which life can exist, including anywhere on land, in the sea or in the air where plants, animals, birds, etc can live - *The biosphere goes underground too if things like insects and bacteria live there.*

burden (noun): a difficult task, a serious responsibility, or a heavy load - *In most families, women still shoulder the burden of looking after sick relatives.*

climate change (noun): global changes in temperature, wind patterns, rainfall, etc mainly caused by the emission of heat-trapping gases that cause global warming - *Companies that have caused climate change need to be punished.*

climate justice (noun): fairness in issues related to climate change, such as fair treatment of people who are affected by it, and fair punishment for those who made it worse - *Did you learn about climate justice when you were studying for your law degree?*

crisis (noun): a very difficult or dangerous time - *The country will be in crisis if the president ignores the election result.*

depressed (adjective): feeling sad or uninterested in life, esp. if the feeling continues for a long time - *If he always looks sad or bored, he could be depressed.*

equity (noun): fair and equal treatment for everyone, no matter what race, gender, sexuality, religion, etc they are - *Women are still fighting for equity when it comes to fair pay.*

eternal (adjective): lasting forever, or never ending - *It's hard to imagine something being eternal, isn't it?*

flyer (noun): a printed sheet of paper that's handed out to people, usually to publicise something - *We ran out of flyers, so we had to print some more.*

give up (phrasal verb): 1. to stop doing something you usually do 2. to stop trying to achieve a goal - *I tried to give up¹ cigarettes, but it was too hard so I gave up² trying.*

greenhouse gas (noun): a gas that causes global warming, such as CO₂, methane and fluorocarbons - *What else can we do to cut greenhouse gas emissions?*

Greenpeace (noun): an international organization that aims to protect the natural environment - *Those Greenpeace activists saved our forests.*

sacrifice (verb): to give up something of great value in order to do or achieve something else - *My grandma sacrificed her career as a musician to raise her kids.*

strike (noun): a form of peaceful protest by refusing to work or study - *At first, most parents didn't support their kids' climate strike.*

suffering (noun): physical or emotional pain or discomfort - *How much suffering can people bear before they start demanding change?*



Greta Thunberg was born in Stockholm, Sweden, in 2003. Her mother Malena is a famous opera singer, and her father Svante was an actor until he quit to look after Greta and her little sister Beata. Greta was a shy girl who didn't say much at school, and this led to bullying by some of the other kids. It got so bad that Greta became very **depressed** and even stopped eating. She lost a lot of weight and could have died if her parents hadn't found specialist doctors with a treatment plan that worked. Her mum and dad also found her a new school, and making new friends also helped her to recover and become interested in the wider world again.

Greta first learned about climate change when she was 8 years old. Even at that young age she could see it was a serious problem, and the more she learned as she grew older, the more worried she became. She learned that carbon dioxide (CO₂) was one of the **greenhouse gases** causing global warming and climate change, and that airline flights released many tonnes of CO₂ into the atmosphere. Nearly everyone she knew said the climate **crisis** was very serious, but they also made it worse by flying all over the world for their holidays. Everyone was *saying* the right things, but nobody was *doing* the right things. So Greta decided to do something about it.

She had heard about workers going on **strike** to demand better pay, and imagined students going on strike to demand more action against climate change. She told her friends about her idea, but none of them seemed interested in joining her. Instead of **giving up**, Greta asked her dad to take her to a building supplies store where she bought a board and some paints. Then she made a big sign and painted the words "School Strike for the Climate" in Swedish. She also printed **flyers** full of facts about the climate crisis. After breakfast on August 20 2018, she rode her bicycle to the Swedish parliament where the government met. Svante rode behind her, carrying the sign. After sending her dad home, Greta found a good spot to set up her sign and sat down on her cushion with her flyers by her side.



She asked a passer-by to take a photo of her and posted it on her Twitter account. Even though she only had around twenty followers, it was retweeted dozens of times. Within a few days she was being interviewed by reporters, other kids had joined her, and she was being supported by [Greenpeace](#) activists and others. Greta's life would never be the same again.

In December 2018, just a few months after starting her strike, Greta was invited to speak at the [United Nations COP24 Climate Change Conference](#) in Poland. Her heart was beating fast as she nervously waited to be asked to speak. Watch the video below to see what happened next.

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b. Check and list new words for you, write the meaning of them

c. Once you have read the text solve these questions

1. Why did Greta stop eating?
 - a. she was overweight
 - b. she was depressed
 - c. she was protesting
2. How old was Greta when she realized climate change was a serious problem?
 - a. 8
 - b. 12
 - c. 15
3. Nearly everyone Greta knew said climate change was bad, but they made it worse by
 - a. saying all the right things
 - b. flying all over the world
 - c. riding bicycles everywhere
4. On the first day of her climate strike, Greta sat in front of
 - a. her school
 - b. the United Nations
 - c. the Swedish Parliament
5. Who took the photo she posted on her Twitter account soon after starting her strike?
 - a. Greta
 - b. her father
 - c. a passer-by
6. Where was the United Nations COP24 Climate Change Conference held?
 - a. in Poland
 - b. in Switzerland
 - c. in Sweden
7. Greta was invited to the conference in order to

- a. wait nervously
- b. speak about climate change
- c. make a film about global warming

8. Fair treatment and help for people badly affected by global warming is an example of

- a. climate science
- b. climate justice
- c. climate change

9. Which word means all the places in which life can exist?

- a. biosphere
- b. atmosphere
- c. environment

10. Greta said our civilization and biosphere are being sacrificed so that _____ can make more money.

- a. very young people
- b. very poor people
- c. very rich people

4. Write a short paragraph, the idea is that you recommend people what they should and should not, in order to care the environment. Minimum 10 lines