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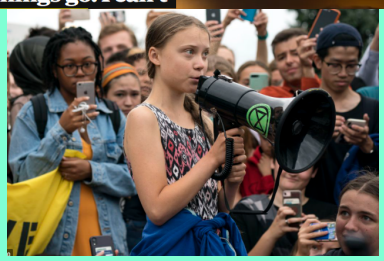
What can you remember about Greta Thunberg?





Interview

Greta Thunberg, schoolgirl climate change warrior: 'Some people can let things go. I can't'





Greta was born in 2003 in Sweden. Can you locate Sweden on the map?

How old is she now?





	Glossary
activism	An action to make a change, or stop a change, in society. It can be trying to make a government change its laws, or trying to make people change what they do.
emissions	A word which originally comes from Latin. something that is sent out.
carbon footprint	Our 'carbon footprint' is the amount of carbon dioxide released into the air because of your own energy needs.
globally	having to do with the whole earth.
noble	having or showing very fine or admirable qualities
prestigious	highly esteemed (respect and affection)
generation	All of the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively.
international	involving two or more nations : occurring between nations international trade

Greta Thunberg

Greta Thunberg is a Swedish student and climate activist. She campaigns to raise global awareness about climate change and its impact on the planet.

Beginning of Awareness

As a child, Greta recalls being taught to turn off lights to save electricity, not to waste water when brushing her teeth and not to throw away good food. When she questioned why, Greta first heard the words that would shape her later activism: climate change. At first, Greta did not believe what she had heard; surely, if humans know that they can change the climate, they should simply stop doing harmful things.

Why would they continue to do things like burn fossil fuels, knowing that it pumps harmful emissions into the environment? Yet, nobody seemed to be doing anything about it.

Greta began to research further into climate change – a passion she has, so far, pursued during her teenage years. She began to make small changes in her own life to reduce her carbon footprint – her impact on the planet and the amount of emissions she is responsible for. She became vegan – omitting all animal products from her diet – and stopped purchasing things unless they were truly necessary.



In 2015, Greta also made the decision to stop flying in aeroplanes because of the impact it has on the environment. All the while, Greta shared her findings with her family and they agreed to follow suit; Greta's mother, Malena, also decided to cease all air travel – ending her international career.

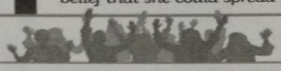


Family Life

Greta Thunberg was born to parents Sara Magdalena Ernman (known as Malena) and Svante Thunberg in 2003. At the time of Greta's birth, her mother worked a a world-renowned opera singer – travelling globally from their home in Sweden to perform in musicals and theatre shows.

Greta's father also worked within the entertainment industry – just as his father had before him – as an actor. When Greta was young, the family welcomed a new addition: Greta's sister Beata.

When Greta saw that her family had all made small changes too, this gave her hope and belief that she could spread the word further and have a greater impact on the planet.



Support for Greta

In February 2019, 224 scientists and academics from around the world agreed that Greta was noble in her actions and that her protests had their full support. As Greta's popularity and influence grew, she was invited to speak at prestigious events around the world to share her concerns about climate change. Greta's speeches cover four main themes:

- global warming is so serious that it will lead to the end of the world as we know it;
- the current generation of adults are stealing the future of young people by not acting;
- we must act now if we want to change the future;
- politicians and decision makers must listen to scientists if the world is to undo its mistakes before it is too late.

Fridays for Future

In 2018, when Greta was 15 years old, Sweden experienced the hottest summer since records began 262 years before. Greta's home country was struck by heatwaves and wildfires to a magnitude that she had never known. She knew then that she needed to act.

At the start of the new school year, Greta decided to strike and she vowed not to attend school for three weeks. Instead, Greta began to protest by sitting outside the Swedish government building, handing out leaflets about what Greta termed 'the climate crisis'.

She was furious that governments around the world – including her own – were not doing everything that they could to stop climate change. News of her protest quickly spread and attracted attention both online and on TV. Children around the world agreed with Greta and joined in with her protest.

On 8th September 2018, Greta decided to continue to strike every Friday until her government began to act. She started a movement known as Fridays For Future, which has now seen over 5,200 strikes by young people around the world who share Greta's concern for the future of their planet.

Greta continues to travel the world via eco-friendly transport in order to spread the word about climate change.

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Greta made the decision to stop flying in aeroplanes in 2015.

Wildfires and heatwaves struck Greta's home country so Greta knew she needed to act.

Read the text out loud with your partner.

Remember:

Use your reading ruler

Look at your partner when they are reading

Sit still

Help your partner if they are stuck on a word

Read to your partner in a voice that only they can hear

Write down any words you don't know the meaning of onto your whiteboard

Once you have finished reading aloud, read silently.

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