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**Level 1** – 15th December, 2019

## Greta Thunberg is TIME's Person of the Year

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191215-greta-thunberg-1.html>

Greta Thunberg is TIME magazine's Person of the Year. The 16-year-old from Sweden beat the Hong Kong democracy protestors. She became famous in 2018 after she went on a climate strike outside Sweden's parliament. This started a global climate movement. Schoolchildren worldwide followed her example. Since then, she has spoken to the United Nations and met the Pope. After hearing about the award, she said: "Wow, this is unbelievable!"

Greta Thunberg is the youngest winner of the award. TIME said Greta changed millions of people's attitudes. She got people to join a "worldwide movement calling for urgent change". It added that Greta got people to act, and shamed those who wouldn't act. Donald Trump Jr said Greta's award was "a marketing gimmick". In contrast, Hillary Clinton tweeted: "I am grateful for all she's done to raise awareness of the climate crisis."

Sources: <https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/16-greta-thunberg-youngest-time-173215953.html>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191215-greta-thunberg-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The 16-year-old               | a. strike             |
| 2. She became famous             | b. followed her       |
| 3. she went on a climate         | c. unbelievable       |
| 4. This started a global climate | d. in 2018            |
| 5. Schoolchildren worldwide      | e. the award          |
| 6. she has spoken to             | f. movement           |
| 7. After hearing about           | g. from Sweden        |
| 8. Wow, this is                  | h. the United Nations |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                       |                       |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the youngest winner                | a. people's attitudes |
| 2. Greta changed millions of          | b. crisis             |
| 3. She got people to join a worldwide | c. gimmick            |
| 4. calling for urgent                 | d. of the award       |
| 5. a marketing                        | e. awareness          |
| 6. I am                               | f. movement           |
| 7. all she's done to raise            | g. change             |
| 8. the climate                        | h. grateful           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Greta Thunberg is TIME magazine's Person of the Year. The (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Sweden beat the Hong Kong democracy protestors. She became famous in 2018 after she went on (2) \_\_\_\_\_ outside Sweden's parliament. This started a (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Schoolchildren worldwide followed her example. Since then, she (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the United Nations and met the Pope. After (5) \_\_\_\_\_ award, she said: "Wow, (6) \_\_\_\_\_!"

Greta Thunberg is the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the award. TIME said Greta changed millions (8) \_\_\_\_\_. She got people to join a "worldwide movement calling (9) \_\_\_\_\_. It added that Greta got people to act, and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ wouldn't act. Donald Trump Jr said Greta's award was "(11) \_\_\_\_\_. In contrast, Hillary Clinton tweeted: "I am grateful for all she's done to raise (12) \_\_\_\_\_ climate crisis."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GretaThunbergisTIMEmagazine'sPersonoftheYear.The16-year-oldfromSwedenbeattheHongKongdemocracyprotestors.Shebecame famousin2018aftershewentonaclimatestrikeoutsideSweden'sparliament.Thisstartedaglobalclimatemovement.Schoolchildrenworldwidefollowedherexample.Sincethen,shehasspokentotheUnitedNationsandmetthePope.Afterhearingabouttheaward,shesaid:"Wow,thisisunbelievable!"GretaThunbergistheyoungestwinneroftheaward.TIMEsaidGretachangedmillionsofpeople'sattitudes.Shegotpeopletojoina"worldwidemovementcallingforurgentchange".ItaddedthatGretagothpeopletoact,andshamedthosewhowouldn'tact.DonaldTrumpJrsaidGreta'sawardwas"amarketinggimmick".Incontrast,HillaryClintontweeted:"Iamgratefulforallshes'donetoraiseawarenessoftheclimatecrisis."

# GRETA THUNBERG SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191215-greta-thunberg-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Greta Thunberg in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

