

Britain's King Charles to miss climate summit

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Britain's King Charles III is a well-known environmentalist. For decades, he has spoken on green issues. He made the world aware of the dangers of climate change long before many world leaders did. He had been invited to attend the 27th UN climate

change conference in Egypt next month to give a speech. However, officials say there has been a change of plan and he will not be attending. Many newspapers in the U.K. say King Charles will not attend the conference after Britain's new prime minister, Liz Truss, advised him not to. A royal expert told a newspaper that: "It is no mystery that the King was invited to go there. He had to think very carefully about what steps to take for his first overseas tour."

Many newspapers in England are reporting that Liz Truss did not want the new King to attend COP 27 because he disagrees with her government on climate change. Ms Truss became prime minister four weeks ago. She has already lifted a ban on fracking in the U.K. Fracking was banned in the U.K. because of the risk of environmental damage and the possibility of earthquakes. King Charles has a history of "declaring war" on climate change. At COP21 in Paris in 2015, he called for a "vast military-style campaign" and "trillions, not billions, of dollars" to fight it. U.S. President Biden praised King Charles' leadership on climate change. He said: "We need you badly."

Sources: [theguardian.com](https://www.theguardian.com) / [newsweek.com](https://www.newsweek.com) / [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com)

Writing

King Charles should be free to make any speech about climate change. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

King Charles / environmentalist / green issues / climate change / speech / plan / newspapers / ban / fracking / earthquakes / war / military / campaign / praise

True / False

- 1) King Charles spoke about climate change before many world leaders. T / F
- 2) COP27 will be held in Glasgow, Scotland. T / F
- 3) A royal expert said it was a mystery why Charles isn't going to COP27. T / F
- 4) King Charles has already been on two overseas tours as king. T / F
- 5) King Charles and the UK prime minister disagree on climate issues. T / F
- 6) The UK's new leader has ended a ban on fracking in Britain. T / F
- 7) King Charles asked for trillions of dollars to help fight climate change. T / F
- 8) King Charles said he badly needed U.S. President Biden. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. well-known | a. prohibition |
| 2. aware | b. specialist |
| 3. advised | c. trip |
| 4. expert | d. drive |
| 5. tour | e. informed about |
| 6. attend | f. chance |
| 7. ban | g. go to |
| 8. risk | h. famous |
| 9. campaign | i. said nice things about |
| 10. praised | j. suggested |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you know about Britain's King Charles III?
- b) Would you like to be a king (or a queen)?
- c) What does a king do?
- d) How much of an environmentalist are you?
- e) How useful are climate change conferences?
- f) How do you help the environment?
- g) If you were the world's leader, how would you help the environment?
- h) What advice do you have for King Charles III?

Phrase Match

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| 1. King Charles III is a well-known | a. the conference |
| 2. he has spoken on green | b. tour |
| 3. give a | c. with her |
| 4. Charles will not attend | d. issues |
| 5. what steps to take for his first overseas | e. damage |
| 6. he disagrees | f. badly |
| 7. Fracking was | g. environmentalist |
| 8. the risk of environmental | h. not billions |
| 9. trillions, | i. a speech |
| 10. We need you | j. banned in the U.K. |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you know about Britain's new leader Liz Truss?
- What do you think of fracking?
- Should King Charles III go to speak at COP27?
- What are the biggest problems of climate change?
- What's your country doing about climate change?
- Is climate change the biggest problem in the world?
- What questions would you like to ask King Charles III??

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. g	7. a	8. f	9. d	10. i

Role Play

Role A – Turn Off Lights

You think turning off lights is the best thing to help the environment. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): walking everywhere, planting a tree or recycling everything.

Role B – Walk Everywhere

You think walking everywhere is the best thing to help the environment. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): turning off lights, planting a tree or recycling everything.

Role C – Recycle Everything

You think recycling everything is the best thing to help the environment. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): walking everywhere, turning off lights or planting a tree.

Role D – Plant a Tree

You think planting a tree is the best thing to help the environment. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): walking everywhere, recycling everything or turning off lights.

Speaking – Climate

Rank these with your partner. Put the best ways of helping the climate at the top at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Turn off lights | • Recycle |
| • Cycle or walk | • Buy used clothes |
| • Eat more vegetables | • Electric cars |
| • No overseas travel | • Plant a tree |

Answers – True False

1 T	2 F	3 F	4 F	5 T	6 T	7 T	8 F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.