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**Level 2 – 15th December, 2019**

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

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191215-greta-thunberg-2.html>

Greta Thunberg has been named TIME magazine's Person of the Year. The 16-year-old from Sweden beat New Zealand's Prime Minister and the Hong Kong democracy protestors to win the award. Ms Thunberg rose to fame in August 2018 when she decided to go on a climate strike outside the Swedish parliament. This started a global climate movement. Schoolchildren worldwide followed her example. She has addressed the United Nations in New York and has met the Pope this year. After hearing about the award, she said: "Wow, this is unbelievable! I will share this great honour."

Greta Thunberg is the youngest person to get the award. TIME magazine wrote that Greta has shifted millions of people's attitudes around the world. It said she got people to join a "worldwide movement calling for urgent change". It added: "Greta has offered a moral call to those who are willing to act, and put shame on those who are not." Not everyone is happy with TIME. Donald Trump Jr said the award to Greta was "a marketing gimmick". In contrast, Hillary Clinton tweeted: "I am grateful for all she's done to raise awareness of the climate crisis. [She] tells hard, motivating truths."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191215-greta-thunberg-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Ms Thunberg rose              | a. followed her example |
| 2. go on a climate               | b. honour               |
| 3. This started a global climate | c. strike               |
| 4. Schoolchildren worldwide      | d. unbelievable         |
| 5. She has addressed             | e. movement             |
| 6. After hearing                 | f. the United Nations   |
| 7. Wow, this is                  | g. about the award      |
| 8. I will share this great       | h. to fame              |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Greta Thunberg is the youngest person to (7) \_\_\_\_\_. TIME magazine wrote that Greta has shifted millions (8) \_\_\_\_\_ around the world. It said she got people to join (9) \_\_\_\_\_ calling for urgent change". It added: "Greta has offered a moral call to those who are willing to act, and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ those who are not." Not everyone is happy with TIME. Donald Trump Jr said the award to Greta was (11) \_\_\_\_\_. In contrast, Hillary Clinton tweeted: "I am grateful for all she's done to raise awareness of the climate crisis. [She] tells (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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e16-year-oldfromSwedenbeatNewZealand'sPrimeMinisterandtheH  
ongKongdemocracyprotestorstowintheaward.MsThunbergrosetofa  
meinAugust2018whenshedecidedtogoonaclimatestrikeoutsidetheS  
wedishparliament.Thisstartedaglobalclimatemovement.Schoolchil  
drenworldwidefollowedherexample.ShehasaddressedtheUnitedNat  
ionsinNewYorkandhasmetthePopethisyear.Afterhearingaboutthea  
ward,shesaid:"Wow,thisisunbelievable!Iwillsharethisgreathonour."  
GretaThunbergistheyoungestpersontogettheaward.TIMEmagazine  
wrotethatGretahasshiftedmillionsofpeople'sattitudesaroundtheworl  
d.Itsaidshegotpeopletojoina"worldwidemovementcallingforurgentc  
hange".Itadded:"Gretahasofferedamoralcalltothosewhoarewillingt  
oact,andputshameonthosewhoarenot."NoteveryoneishappywithTI  
ME.DonaldTrumpJrsaidtheawardtoGretawas"amarketinggimmick".  
Incontrast,HillaryClintontweeted:"Iamgratefulforallshe'sdonetorais  
eawarenessoftheclimatecrisis.[She]tellsard,motivatingtruths."

# 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) \_\_\_\_\_

