



'How dare you!' Thunberg blasts U.N. climate summit

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Teenage climate change activist Greta Thunberg on Monday opened the United Nations Climate Action Summit with an angry condemnation of world leaders for failing to take strong measures to combat climate change - "How dare you," she said.

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- 1-1. Sixteen-year-old climate change activist Greta Thunberg _____

1-2. for failing _____

2. Opening the U.N. Climate Action Summit, a visibly emotional Thunberg condemned older generations _____

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"This is all wrong. I shouldn't be up here. I should be back in school on the other side of the ocean. Yet you all come to us young people for hope. How dare you! You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words and yet I'm one of the lucky ones. People are suffering. People are dying, entire ecosystems are collapsing. We are in the beginning of a mass extinction, and all you can talk about is money and fairy tales of eternal economic growth. How dare you!"

- 3-1. Days after millions of young people took to the streets worldwide _____

3-2. leaders _____
3-3. aiming to inject _____

- 4-1. U.S. President Donald Trump, _____
4-2. who has undone every major U.S. regulation _____
4-3. including _____
4-4. was not scheduled to be at the summit, but _____

- 5-1. He did not _____
5-2. but he listened to those _____

- 6-1. Thunberg has galvanized a new wave of climate change activism _____

6-2. which she began _____

7. The teenager watched steely-faced as _____

[PROTESTORS]"What do we want?" "Climate justice!" "When do we want it?" "Now!"

8-1. Climate change activists _____

8-2. blocking major traffic hubs in an effort to draw attention to the summit _____

[Vocabulary]

□ **How dare you!**: What you have done is unacceptable. The phrase is sometimes followed by the action in question.

- *How dare you pretend that this can be solved.*
- *How dare you speak to your mother that way?*

□ **Greta Thunberg**: (born 3 January 2003) is a Swedish environmental activist focused on the risks posed by climate change. In August 2018, when she was 15, Thunberg took time off school to demonstrate outside the Swedish parliament, holding up a sign calling for stronger climate action. Soon, other students engaged in similar protests in their own communities. Together they organized a school climate strike movement under the name Fridays for Future. After Thunberg addressed the 2018 United Nations Climate Change Conference, student strikes took place every week somewhere in the world. In 2019, there were at least two coordinated multi-city protests involving over one million pupils each. Thunberg is known for her blunt, matter-of-fact speaking manner,^[5] both in public and to political leaders and assemblies, in which she urges immediate action to address what she describes as the climate crisis. At home, Thunberg convinced her parents to adopt several lifestyle choices to reduce their own carbon footprint, including giving up air travel and not eating meat.

In May 2019, Thunberg was featured on the cover of *Time* magazine, which named her a "next generation leader" and noted that many see her as a role model. Thunberg and the school strike movement were also featured in a 30-minute *Vice* documentary titled *Make the World Greta Again*. Some media have described her impact on the world stage as the "Greta Thunberg effect".

□ **blast**: to criticize someone very strongly

- *In today's Times, the proposal is blasted as "pathetic and inadequate."*

□ **fail**: to be unsuccessful when you try to do something; to not do something that people expect you to do

- *They have failed to come up with any practical solutions.*
- *She failed to give any explanation for her actions.*

□ **measures**: a step planned or taken as a means to an end

- *The Police took strong measures against the rebels.*

□ **take strong measures**:

□ **U.N. Climate Action Summit**: To meet the urgent need to address **climate change** and achieve the goals of the **Paris Agreement**, UN Secretary-General António Guterres is convening a **Summit** in September 2019 to raise ambition and increase **climate action**.

□ **burden**: to impose a task upon, assign a responsibility to

- *I don't want to burden you with my troubles.*

□ **ecosystem**: all the plants and animals in a particular area, considered as a system with parts that depend on one another

□ **extinction**: the situation when an animal, plant, or language no longer exists

□ **take to the streets:** to bring something into public awareness or consciousness; When people take to the streets, they express their opposition to something in public and often violently

- *Angry citizens took to the streets to protest the war.*
- *Thousands of people have taken to the streets to protest against the military coup.*

□ **inject:** to add something new to a situation

- *Young designers are injecting new life into the fashion industry.*
- *She tried to inject confidence into her voice (=speak in a more confident way).*

□ **momentum:** progress or development that is becoming faster or stronger

- *My staff sometimes loses momentum after the lunch hour.*
- *Interest in human rights issues has gained momentum.*

□ **stall:** to stop or cause to stop making progress

- *Our project stalled because of a lack of time.*

□ **curb:** to control or limit something that is harmful

- *The legislation is intended to curb price and wage increases.*
- *pills designed to curb your appetite*

□ **carbon emissions:** carbon dioxide emissions; the release of greenhouse gases and/or their precursors into the atmosphere over a specified area and period of time

□ **denier:** one who denies

- *deniers of the truth*

□ **undo:** to have the effect of changing something back into its original, usually worse state

- *What is done cannot be undone.*
- *She warned that one mistake could undo all their achievements.*

□ **regulation:** an official rule that controls the way that things are done; control of an activity, process, or industry by official rules

- *When regulations are relaxed, business runs more smoothly.*
- *Smoke detectors must be installed to comply with fire regulations.*

□ **combat:** to do something in order to try to stop something bad from happening or a bad situation from becoming worse

- *the need for effective action to combat global warming*
- *measures to combat crime*

□ **Paris Agreement:** an agreement within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), dealing with greenhouse-gas-emissions mitigation, adaptation, and finance, signed in 2016. As of March 2019, 195 UNFCCC members have signed the agreement, and 186 have become party to it. The Paris Agreement's long-term goal is to keep the increase in global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels; and to limit the increase to 1.5 °C, since this would substantially reduce the risks and effects of climate change. Under the Paris Agreement, each country must determine, plan, and regularly report on the contribution that it undertakes to mitigate global warming. No mechanism forces a country to set a specific target by a specific date, but each target should go beyond previously set targets. In June 2017, U.S. President Donald Trump announced his intention to withdraw the United States from the agreement. Under the agreement, the earliest effective date of withdrawal for the U.S. is November 2020, shortly before the end of President Trump's current term. In practice, changes in United States policy that are contrary to the Paris Agreement have already been put in place.

□ **remark:** a few words that give the facts or your opinion about someone or something

• *As the chairman said in his introductory remarks, the growth of the company has been phenomenal.*

• *a sexist/racist remark*

□ **Angela Merkel:** (born 1954), German Christian Democratic Union stateswoman, chancellor of Germany since 2005; full name Angela Dorothea Merkel.

□ **Narendra Modi:** (born 17 September 1950) is an Indian politician serving as the 14th and current Prime Minister of India since 2014.

□ **galvanize:** to shock or affect someone enough to produce a strong and immediate reaction

• *The results of the study galvanized residents into action.*

□ **activism:** a policy of taking direct and militant action to achieve a political or social goal

□ **Fridays for Future school strikes:** FridayForFuture; School strike for climate; On 15 March 2019, **school strikes**, urging adults to take responsibility and stop the climate change, began taking place in over 2000 cities worldwide.

□ **solitary:** in a place or situation where there are no other people

• *the solitary inhabitant of the island*

• *A solitary police officer stood at the gate.*

□ **steely:** showing a calm and firm attitude

• *He had a look of steely determination in his eyes.*

• *The steely tone in his voice told her that he was furious.*

□ **throng:** a large crowd of people

□ **in full force:** With the entirety of a particular group present, especially a large one.

• *Our church arrived in full force to protest the new law.*

□ **block:** to stop someone from going past you by standing in front of them

• *Something is blocking the flow of water through the pipe.*

• *A car was blocking the road.*

□ **hub:** the most important place where a particular activity takes place

• *a telecommunications hub and business center*

• *Bombay is the financial hub of India.*

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