

Different perspectives

What are different perspectives on climate change?

1 It isn't fair! My country hasn't contributed to climate change but we'll suffer the most

Increasing sea levels will mean my people will have to migrate to other countries.

2 Coal mining is important in generating 75% of our electricity and providing jobs for Australians

It is one of the reasons we are such a wealthy country

3 We need to explore new technology that will help us live sustainably

This includes solar, wind and geothermal power.

4 Climate change is a big election topic

People want to know how our party is going to respond

5 It's getting harder to feed my children.

Longer droughts mean we are finding it hard to grow enough food and keep our livestock



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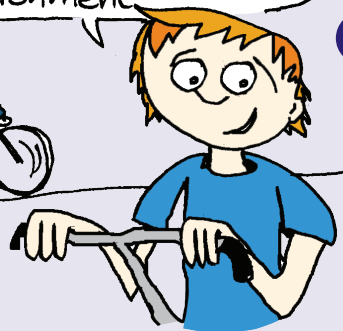
Climate change could undo the many years of good work we've done in developing countries



We have a responsibility to make good choices at home and school to better care for the environment

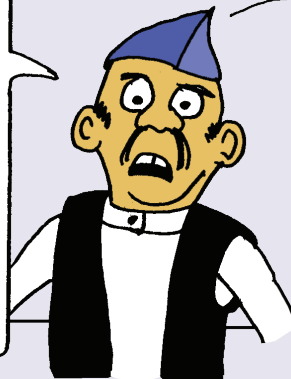


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Just when we are starting to develop our economy, you want us to stop using fossil fuels! India is one of the fastest growing nations in the world. Why should we stop future growth unless there's serious action by rich nations?



DID YOU KNOW?

A laptop computer used for five hours each day generates around 40 kilograms of greenhouse gas each year.

For You To Do!

1. Identify the person most likely to express the values or perspectives above by placing the corresponding number below:

_____ Australian politician _____ Indian official _____ School student

_____ Pacific Islander _____ World vision staff _____ Australian coal miner

_____ African mother _____ UN scientist

2. Think of a question you would like to ask each of these people to find out more about what they believe. Have eight students take on these roles and attempt to answer some of these questions in an interview panel.