

AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH



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Useful vocabulary:

1. **Global warming:** calentamiento global.
2. **Renewable energies:** energías renovables.
3. **Ozone layer:** capa de ozono.
4. **Climate change:** cambio climático.
5. **Hurricane:** huracán.
6. **Carbon dioxide:** dióxido de carbono.
7. **Assumption:** razonamiento, suposición.
8. **Infrared radiation:** radiación infrarroja.
9. **To startle:** sobresaltar, llamar la atención.
10. **Pattern:** modelo, patrón, pauta.
11. **Humankind:** humanidad.
12. **Drought:** sequía .
13. **To melt:** derretir.
14. **Kyoto Treaty:** Protocolo de Kyoto.
15. **Overall:** global, total
16. **Temperatura rate:** tasa o índice de temperatura
17. **Heat wave:** ola de calor
18. **Typhoon:** tifón

LISTENING ACTIVITIES

1. Fill in the gaps in the cartoon. *Scene 4:*

GLOBAL WARMING CARTOON ***None like it hot!***

__ You are why your went away . Well, Susie, the culprit (=guilty) isn't It's

__ Global

__ Yeah.

__ Meet Mr Sunbeam. He comes all the from the sun to

__ Hello, just in to your day. La la la la la la la. And now I'll be

__ Not so fast, Sunbeam. We're You ain't

__ Oh God it

__ Pretty soon Earth is chock-full of Their heating our

__ How do you we the grasses?

__ Fortunately, our came up with a cheap, last-minute way to Ever since, we simply drop a cube into the every

__ Just like puts in every morning. And then he

__ Of course since the are still It takes more and more each time. Thus, the once and

__ But

__ Once and!

THE END

2. **Are these statements TRUE or FALSE? Justify your answers. Scenes 11 and 12, between the video of the accident of his son and the video of the elections.**

1. The overall temperature rate is uninterrupted and intensifying in recent years.
2. The twelve hottest years on record have taken place in the last fourteen years.
3. The hottest year was 2005.
4. A massive heat wave in Europe killed 30,000 people a couple of years ago.
5. Two hundred cities and towns in the east set temperature records.
6. The oceans are not affected by the temperature increases.
7. The warmer the oceans become, the stronger the storms are.
8. Hurricanes Jeanne, Frances and Ivan came after hurricane Katrina.
9. A year later an all-time record for tornadoes was set in the USA.
10. There were ten typhoons in Japan in 2004.
11. It is impossible to have a hurricane in the South Atlantic.
12. Hurricane Emily socked into Malasia.
13. Hurricane Katrina was Category One.
14. Wind velocity increases due to storms.
15. There were no warnings before hurricane Katrina.
16. In the thirties, Winston Churchill warned the English people about the effects of an unprecedented storm in Europe.
17. Everyone believed his warning and, as a result, measures were taken in every British home.
18. According to Churchill, we are living now in a period of consequences.

3. Listen to the scene “*Al Gore’s farm*”, about the tobacco factory, after the video of the frog (01:06:45). While you listen, take some notes and use them to make a summary of the main ideas in these talks. Follow the note-taking guidelines provided by teacher (see ‘materiales’).



4. **Watch the last part of the documentary *after the video of his travels* and complete the questions below. In some of them you may be asked to use your own words:**

a) Name the only two countries which did not ratify the Kyoto Treaty:

b) "*We are capable of doing great things*". Name at least 5 examples of how history has shown our capacity to do great things together.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

c) A previous environmental problem solved thanks to cooperation between countries was the

d) In your own words, why is global warming crucial for future generations?
Whose time is it to act?

e) After watching the film, do you think Al Gore feels optimistic about this issue?
Justify your answer.

5. Fill in the gaps in the song, found at the end of the special features (extras):

"I need to wake up" by Melissa Etheridge

Have I.....?

I've been so

..... of

Have I?

Dismissing all the

Take me where

To the things that I

Cause

I need to

I need to

I need to

I need to

..... got to

I've been

And I

Now

And as

I danced it was

My wild

The of this

Would be

Now I am off the..... of youth

To

That I

I need to

I need to

I need to

..... got to

I've been

And I

Now

I am not

I am not

I am

Trapped in this and

Oh I need

I need to

I need to

I need to

I need to

..... got to

I've been

And I

Now

I

I need to

I need to

Oh, got to

I've

And I

Now

“TELL YOUR PARENTS NOT TO RUIN THE WORLD YOU LIVE IN”