

Can you taste the climate change?



Part1: warm up

Ex1. Look at the pictures below showing different natural disasters and match the expressions with the right pictures.

hurricane

earthquake

tsunami

drought

flood

forest fire



source: unsplash.com

Ex2. Discuss the following questions with your partner:

1. Have you or anyone you know ever experienced a natural disaster?
2. Have you observed any changes in the climate/weather in your country?
3. Are you worried about climate change?
4. Are there any actions we can take to prevent further damage to the natural environment?

Part2: watching

Ex3. Watch the video below about climate change and answer the questions:

https://www.ted.com/talks/amanda_little_climate_change_is_becoming_a_problem_you_can_taste?utm_campaign=tedsread&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=tedcomshare&fbclid=IwAR1dvMYD2p81aLKQgoY3agEsFL14a2Sr9YrIIY_HPH8j8dEK67huA8QAg6g

1. Why is it ironic that the 2 photos were made at the same time?
2. What other pressures except of Covid-19 does she mention?
3. What is wrong with the current food systems?
4. What is the new, third way of food production?
5. Why is it possible to reduce the use of herbicide with the new AI farming method?
6. Why is it essential to increase crop diversity?
7. What are the benefits of vertical aeroponic farms?
8. How much has the demand for plant based meats increased during the pandemic?
9. What are the benefits of eating plant based meats?

Part3: vocabulary

Ex4. Look at the expressions from the video below and try to match them with their definitions:

1. usher in	a. the minimum level required
2. threshold	b. final result
3. mortality rate	c. very modern
4. upshot	d. variety
5. threat	e. knowledge about life
6. state-of-the-art	f. introduce
7. rift	g. split
8. wisdom	h. danger
9. diversity	i. the number of deaths

Ex5. Now fill in the gaps with an appropriate expression from the previous task:

1. The of the result was visible immediately.
2. The butler the guests.
3. Drunken drivers pose a serious to other road users.
4. The stream had cut a deep in the rock.
5. I have a low boredom , I get bored easily.
6. The control panel uses all the newest technology and is considered
7. There seemed to be an infinite of possibilities.
8. I certainly hope to gain a little as I grow older.
9. Most sources claim that the of the virus is around 2–4%.

Ex6. Discuss the following questions with your partner. Make sure you use the key vocabulary from the previous activities.

1. What is the most recent change you have **ushered in**?
2. Have you ever bought any **state-of-the-art equipment**? Do you think it was worth its price?
3. What is your cold **threshold**? Do you tolerate temperatures below zero easily?
4. How is **wisdom** different from intelligence?
5. What do you think is the biggest **threat** to natural environment?

Part4: speaking

Ex7. After watching exchange the opinions on the following questions with your partner:

1. Do you grow your own herbs or vegetables?
2. Do you know anyone who is a vegan/vegetarian? Why have they decided on this diet?
3. Have you ever tried plant based meats? Would you like to?

Part5: homework

Ex8. Make sure to practice your vocabulary with some flashcards:

<https://quizlet.com/pl/611493521/can-you-taste-the-climate-change-flash-cards/>

Try this quiz to check how eco-friendly you are:

https://www.proprofs.com/quiz-school/story.php?title=how-ecofriendly-are-you_1

If you enjoyed today's video here is a follow up:

https://www.ted.com/talks/asmeret_asefaw_berhe_a_climate_change_solution_that_s_right_under_our_feet