

**UNIT 4: OUR PLANET**

Period: 46

**4H** Writing  
**An article**  
*I can write an article about a global issue.*

**VOCABULARY**

*New words*

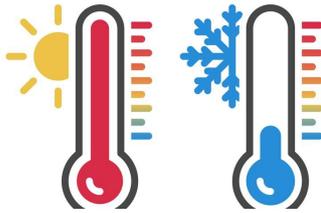
1. **temperature (n)**

*/'tempɾətʃə(r)/*

**Meaning**

: the measurement in degrees of how hot or cold a thing or place is

*Eg. The climate is generally mild, and freezing temperatures are almost unknown.*



2. **global warming (n)**

*/,gləʊbl 'wɔ:miŋ/*

: the increase in temperature of the earth's atmosphere that is caused by the increase of particular gases, especially carbon dioxide



3. **recycle (v)**

: to treat things that have already been used so that they can be used again

*Eg. The bottles were being recycled into a lower-quality product.*



**Exercise 1:**

**Read the article. Do you agree with Ben?**

 <span style="color: white; font-weight: bold;">ben_the_climber</span>	<p>Global warming is probably the most serious threat we face, and we should all be worried about it. And indeed, <b>it seems to me that</b> most people take the issue very seriously. These days, people take a lot of care to recycle plastic, paper, glass and other materials. If recycling bins are available, they use them. <b>What is more,</b> they often choose to walk or cycle somewhere in order to reduce carbon emissions.</p> <p><b>There are some people who believe that</b> it is normal for the temperature of the Earth to go up and down. They don't believe that humans are causing global warming, so they don't believe that humans need to alter their behaviour. Other people may just be too selfish to lead a green lifestyle. <b>Nevertheless,</b> the majority of people believe the evidence and do whatever they can to combat climate change.</p> <p>Ben</p>	<a href="#">Green Earth &gt; Monthly Competition &gt; April 2016</a>
 <span style="color: white; font-weight: bold;">littleleaf1998 Moderator</span>	<p><b>'Most people do not take global warming seriously enough.'</b>  <b>Do you agree?</b></p> <p>Join the debate. A prize for the best article!</p>	

**Exercise 2:**

**Read the Writing Strategy and answer the questions.**

**Writing Strategy**

When you are expressing your opinions and the opinions of others, give your text a clear structure. For example:

- In one paragraph, give your opinion with two or three arguments that support it.
- In another paragraph, give the opposing view with one or two arguments supporting it. You can then say why you disagree with the opposing view (a counter-argument).

1. In paragraph 1 of Ben's article, how many arguments does he give in support of his opinion?

**Answer: 2**

2. In paragraph 2, how many arguments does he give in support of the opposing view?

**Answer: 2**

3. Does he give a counter-argument?

**Answer: Yes**

These days, people take a lot of care to recycle plastic, paper, glass and other materials. If recycling bins are available, they use them. **What is more**, they often choose to walk or cycle somewhere in order to reduce carbon emissions.

**There are some people who believe that** it is normal for the temperature of the Earth to go up and down. They don't believe that

to lead a green lifestyle. **Nevertheless**, the majority of people believe the evidence and do whatever they can to combat climate change.

**Exercise 3:**

**Complete the collocations from the text with the words below.**

alter - cause - combat - lead - recycle - reduce

**Climate change**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ plastic / paper / glass
2. \_\_\_\_\_ carbon emissions
3. \_\_\_\_\_ global warming
4. \_\_\_\_\_ your behaviour
5. \_\_\_\_\_ a green lifestyle
6. \_\_\_\_\_ climate change

**Answer:**

- 1) recycle
- 2) reduce
- 3) cause
- 4) alter
- 5) lead
- 6) combat

**Exercise 4:**

Read the phrases below. Add the highlighted phrases in Ben's post to the correct group A-D.

**A Expressing an opinion**

I think / don't think that ... To be honest, ...  
As I see it, ... In my opinion, ...  
I believe / don't believe that ... \_\_\_\_\_

**B Presenting an opposing opinion**

Having said that, ... On the other hand, ...  
\_\_\_\_\_

**C Presenting a counter-argument**

However, ... In spite of this, ... \_\_\_\_\_

**D Making an additional point**

Moreover, ... Furthermore, ... In fact, ... \_\_\_\_\_



ben\_the\_climber

Global warming is probably the most serious threat we face, and we should all be worried about it. And indeed, **it seems to me that** most people take the issue very seriously. These days, people take a lot of care to recycle plastic, paper, glass and other materials. If recycling bins are available, they use them. **What is more**, they often choose to walk or cycle somewhere in order to reduce carbon emissions.

**There are some people who believe that** it is normal for the temperature of the Earth to go up and down. They don't believe that humans are causing global warming, so they don't believe that humans need to alter their behaviour. Other people may just be too selfish to lead a green lifestyle. **Nevertheless**, the majority of people believe the evidence and do whatever they can to combat climate change.

Ben

**Suggested answer:**

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As I see it, ... In my opinion, ...  
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**B Presenting an opposing opinion**

Having said that, ... On the other hand, ...  
**There are some people who believe that**

**C Presenting a counter-argument**

However, ... In spite of this, ... **Nevertheless**

**D Making an additional point**

Moreover, ... Furthermore, ... In fact, ... **What is more**

**Exercise 5:**

Work in pairs. Read the statement and decide if you agree or disagree. Prepare arguments for and against it. Use the ideas below to help you.

"Global warming is the most important problem facing us today." Do you agree?

**Suggested answer:**



- **For:** We need to protect the planet / prevent climate change / save endangered species.



- **Against:** There are other problems such as poverty, disease, nuclear war, etc. / Millions of people die every year because of ... / A nuclear war could destroy ...

**Exercise 6:**

**Write your article (120–150 words). Use phrases from exercise 4 and your ideas from exercise 5 to help you. Follow the structure suggested in the Writing Strategy.**

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**SAMPLE ARTICLE:**

Global warming which it is observed that the rising temperature of the earth is the most important problem facing us today, and we should be worried about it.

**In my opinion**, we need to protect the planet from global warming. For a long period of time, it has been affecting the wildlife, animals, humans, and every living organism on earth. Many countries have encountered water shortage, flooding, erosion and all this is because of global warming. If global warming decreases, we can prevent climate change. **Moreover**, we can also save endangered species.

**On the other hand**, there are also other lethal problems such as poverty, disease, and famine. It cannot be denied that millions of people die every year because of them. **However**, they are, in fact, an effect of global warming. **Therefore**, the result of global warming should be considered the deadliest threat.

No one can be blamed for global warming except for humans. Spreading awareness about global warming will contribute in big or small amounts. It's important that we learn 1% effort is better than no effort. Pledge to take care of mother nature and speak up about global warming.

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