



Greta Thunberg Going to Bristol Climate Strike

Who is Greta Thunberg?

- Greta Thunberg is a 17-year-old climate change activist from Sweden.
- She became famous after she missed school every Friday to protest against climate change outside the Swedish parliament.

Greta Thunberg is coming to the UK again. The climate change **activist** from Sweden is going to the Bristol Youth **Strike 4 Climate on Friday**.

Greta said on social media: "I'm looking forward to joining the school strike in Bristol!"

She will join the protest at College Green, in the city centre. It's thought that she will make a speech.

Planners of the events are gleeful. Milly Sibson, 17, said: "we are all just so excited".

Greta was going to go to a protest in London. The area for the protest was too small so it was moved to Bristol.

So who is Greta Thunberg? In the summer of 2018, she became famous for her protests outside the Swedish parliament. She wanted politicians to do more about climate change.

Climate change is the changing weather and rising temperature of the Earth. NASA says it's "likely to be the result of human activity". NASA says burning **fossil fuels** and releasing **greenhouse gases** are some of the causes.

Greta has started a group called Fridays for Future. School strikes happened in many countries, like Australia, Germany and the UK.

Greta has also travelled the world, even sailing across the Atlantic Ocean to go to a meeting.

Last year, she spoke at the Houses of Parliament. She had such an impact that Greta



Illustration: Greta Thunberg.

was an American magazine's person of the year for 2019.

She has been supported by some famous people. Wildlife presenter David Attenborough said that children were right to feel angry about climate change.

Ex-Prime Minister Theresa May disagreed. She said that children should be in school, where they could "develop into the top scientists."

Glossary

activist Someone who works to bring about a specific change.

strike When people refuse to work to bring about a change.

fossil fuels A natural fuel, such as coal or gas.

greenhouse gases Gases that increase the Earth's temperature.

Questions

1. Find and copy three facts about the protest Greta will be going to.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

2. 'Planners of the events are gleeful.'

Tick the word that is closest in meaning to 'gleeful'.

- excited
- noisy
- troublesome
- unsteady

3. Some people consider Greta Thunberg to be inspirational. Find and copy a piece of evidence that shows this.

4. She said that children should be in school, where they could "develop into the top scientists."

This suggests that...

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- by going on the strike, children will become top scientists.
- climate change isn't an important issue.
- the school strikes should happen.

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Answers

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Accept any three from the following: it's called the Bristol School Strike 4 Climate; Greta may make a speech; it's happening on Friday; it will be in the city centre.

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Accept any answer that refers to the story, e.g. I don't think young people should miss school because they could miss out on important learning.

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