

Sir David Attenborough, COP26 People's Advocate

The COP26 climate change conference takes place in November 2021. In this video, Sir David Attenborough talks about why these meetings are so very important.

Before reading

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

Vocabulary

1. crippling
2. crucial
3. to face
4. the globe
5. an international agreement
6. COP26
7. a people's advocate
8. honoured

Definition

- a. proud and happy
- b. an official document signed by a group of countries to make new rules about the environment, trade, etc.
- c. extremely important or necessary
- d. someone who speaks publicly, representing ordinary people
- e. the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference
- f. causing serious damage or harm
- g. the world
- h. to deal with a difficult situation

Tasks

Task 1

Choose the ideas which Sir David Attenborough mentions in the video.

- _____ How he feels about being chosen as People's Advocate
- _____ All the different subjects that will be discussed at the conference
- _____ The effects of Covid-19 on the environment
- _____ The period of time in which he thinks serious problems will happen
- _____ The different world leaders who will be at the conference
- _____ The city where the meetings are taking place

Task 2

Put the words and phrases in order to make sentences.

1. this role. been given feels greatly Sir David Attenborough to have
honoured
2. important time a more for countries There could not be to find
agreements.
3. among to solve agreement worldwide problems. nations There must be
4. problems of are even than the greater the epidemic. Climate problems
5. that the COP26 meetings crucial success. have It is
6. the problems that to solve the world faces. come together The nations will

Discussion

What do you think that countries should do to solve the climate crisis?

Answers

Preparation task

1. f
2. c
3. h
4. g
5. b
6. e
7. d
8. a

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Task 2

1. Sir David Attenborough feels greatly honoured to have been given this role.
2. There could not be a more important time for countries to find agreements.
3. There must be agreement among nations to solve worldwide problems.
4. Climate problems are even greater than the problems of the epidemic.
5. It is crucial that the COP26 meetings have success.
6. The nations will come together to solve the problems that the world faces.