



Britons Least Concerned About Climate Change

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A. Vocabulary

- You are going to read a newspaper article which contains all the words in the table below.
- What do you think the newspaper article will be about?
- Before you read the article, match the words with the definitions. Example: 1C
- Check your answers with your partner.

Word	Definition
1. climate change	a. started
2. global warming	b. a difficult time in a country when there is less business activity than usual
3. carbon footprint	c. the way the world's weather is changing
4. emission	d. a rise in temperature of the earth caused by polluting gases e.g. carbon dioxide
5. developing countries	e. the amount of gas, heat, light. pollution etc that is sent into the air
6. recession	f. thinking that bad things are going to happen
7. kicked in	g. a measurement of how much carbon dioxide people produce
8. pessimistic	h. places where there is little industrial and economic activity and where people do not earn much money.

B. Finding information – Numbers – Read the text to answer the questions.

1. How many countries were surveyed?
2. How many years has the report been running for?
3. How many people were surveyed from each country?
4. How many people, *from all the countries surveyed*, were questioned?
 - a. in 1 year
 - b. in all the years of the survey

C. Finding Information – Fractions – Read the text to answer the questions.

- Match up the fractions to make whole sentences.
For example: 1B

Fractions in words (in order of text)	End of Sentence
1. Over a third	a. of Americans think the world should take action.
2. More than half	b. of people worry about climate change.
3. Almost half	c. of Mexicans say climate change is a major issue.
4. Almost half	d. of Britons think nothing can be done.
5. Nearly two thirds	e. of people say they are taking action.
6. Less than half	f. of people in the world think a deal to cut emissions is important.

D. Finding Information – Percentages

- Use the first 3 paragraphs of the reading text to fill in the percentages in the table.

Percentage of people	Fraction	End of sentence
8% =	$\frac{8}{100} = \frac{2}{25}$	fewer people this year worry about global warming.
		of Britons worry about climate change.
		of Britons worried about climate change <u>last year</u> .
		of Americans are concerned.
		of Australians are worried.
		of Brazilians and Indians think it is a major problem.

E. Finding Information - Which country?

- From the information in D find out – Which country/countries had

1. the largest percentage of people worried about climate change in the year of the survey? and
2. the second largest?
3. the lowest percentage?
4. the second lowest?
From paragraph 6 of the text find out - Which country is.....
5. the biggest emitter of carbon?
6. the second biggest?

F. Discussion

- Think about some of the questions below.
- Discuss with your partner before sharing your ideas with the group.
- Give reasons for what you say.

- Why do you think some countries are more concerned than others about climate change?
- Why are developing countries more concerned?
- Why is Britain least concerned?
- Do you think countries should take action to reduce climate change?
- If so, what action can countries take?
- Do you think we, as individuals or communities, should be concerned?
- Should we take action?
- If so, what action can we take?