

Going green transcripts

Hi guys, I hope your quarantine is going ok. I have been doing a lot of spanish study so I hope you have all found some time to study some english. I heard you were learning about going green and practising questions about the future, so this presentation has a lot of information and some of my opinions about going green. Each slide of the presentation also has a question in bold that I would love to hear your response to. Good luck and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Aus vs Spain:

Australia's response to climate change has been ranked as one of the worst in the developed world. As a country we are using a lot of fossil fuels and have rising carbon emissions. Our Government has not been successful in working towards its climate goals. At the moment unfortunately our government is not taking enough action to be green. Some people in government would like to change this by doing things like creating environmental protection groups and giving money to renewable energy sources.

Do you know of any actions the Spanish government is taking against climate change?

Normal People

Sometimes it feels like there's nothing normal people can do to help slow climate change, but that's not true. A lot of people in the world make small changes in their lives to help with this situation. This means doing things like:

- Voting for and supporting politicians that work to slow climate change
- Being careful with how much energy you use by doing things like avoiding using cars when possible, turning off lights when you're not using them, putting on warm clothes instead of turning on heating systems, recycling, etc
- Be careful with what you eat. Try to eat less meat and waste less food.
- Try to talk openly about climate change and spread awareness of true information.

Do you think people need to fight climate change? What actions are you taking against climate change?

Corona:

The world is changing because of the coronavirus. We are seeing the most travel restrictions in place since World War Two. In cities pubs, bars and theatres that are normally busy have been closed. Worldwide, flights are being cancelled, and roads emptied. So what impact has this had on the Environment?

- Compared with this time last year, levels of [pollution in New York have reduced by nearly 50% because of measures to contain the virus](#).
- In Europe, pictures from space show [nitrogen dioxide \(NO2\) emissions fading away](#).
- Air pollution in China and across the world has dropped
- Water in Venice is the clearest it been in years
- The [coal and oil industries](#) have taken a hit with.

People are wondering how long will these changes last? When the pandemic calms down and restrictions are loosened will these things go back to the way they were? Or could this all have an impact on the environment that is good?

The question is would you consider making changes to your lifestyle after the quarantine to help this continue?

Events:

Every year in October there is an event in Sydney called Sculptures by the Sea. During this event artists from all over the world place their artwork along a few beaches in Sydney. A lot of this artwork is chosen because it is about different ideas and views on nature and climate change. In fact a lot of the artworks are made up of entirely recycled materials. This event is in part designed to help remind Australians about the importance of our natural resources and that we all need to be doing our part to help fight climate change.

Have you ever been to or heard of another event about climate change? If not do you think you'd like to go to one?