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In The
Climate News!



Welcome to this month's English newsletter, where we're turning our focus to a topic that affects us all - Going Green! 🌿 This month we have kicked off with some 'green' topics, such as sustainable fashion, ethical travel, and renewable energy. Learning English is not just about language; it's also about understanding global issues and becoming part of the solution. In this edition, you'll find:

Sustainable
Fashion
and modal
verbs



- New vocabulary (phrasal verbs) to talk about the environment and sustainability.
- Fun and interactive activities to help you practice English while learning about eco-friendly habits.
- Inspiring stories about green initiatives around the world.

Ethical Travel
and phrasal
verbs



Remember, it's okay to start small. Even small changes can lead to big improvements over time. The key is consistency—practice a little each day and celebrate your progress!

Going Green
and tenses



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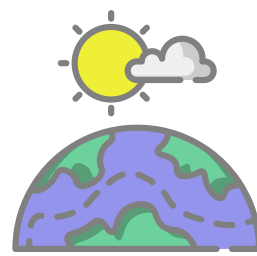
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feedback.

Happy Browsing!

Spotlight on:
Green initiatives
around the
world





Could the UK actually get colder with global warming?



Of all the possible climate futures, there's a scenario where the United Kingdom and north-west Europe **buck the trend** of global warming and instead face plunging temperatures and freezing winters.

It's not the most likely outcome, but a number of scientists fear that the chance of it happening is growing, and that the consequences would be so great that it deserves proper consideration.

They are concerned that the ocean currents that bring warm water from the tropics to the North Atlantic could weaken - or even collapse - in response to climate change.

Huge uncertainties remain about when - or even whether - a collapse could happen. So, how likely is it, and what would it mean?

The system of Atlantic currents, called the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (Amoc), is a key reason why the UK is warmer than Moscow, despite being a similar distance from the Equator.

Ref: BBC.co.uk - to read on please visit the link below

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cn938ze4yyeo>

Vocabulary: "**Buck the trend**" means to go against the general direction or tendency of a situation, especially when most people or things are following a different pattern.

Business English

Modal Verbs in Sustainable Fashion



Fill in the blanks with the correct modal verb from the options provided. Each sentence relates to sustainable fashion practices. Choose from the following modal verbs:

must, should, can, might, could, have to, mustn't, shouldn't.

1. Consumers _____ avoid fast fashion if they want to reduce their environmental impact.
2. You _____ check the labels on clothing to see if they are made from sustainable materials.
3. Designers _____ consider using recycled fabrics to minimize waste in their collections.
4. People _____ buy second-hand clothes to reduce demand for new clothing production.
5. We _____ wear an outfit more than once; it's one of the simplest ways to practice sustainability.
6. Factories _____ ensure fair wages for workers to support ethical fashion practices.
7. You _____ throw old clothes in the trash when they could be donated or upcycled.
8. Sustainable fashion _____ become the norm if more people make informed choices.
9. Shoppers _____ feel pressured to follow every trend, as timeless pieces are more sustainable.
10. Brands _____ advertise themselves as eco-friendly unless they truly are.

Business English

Phrasal Verbs in Ethical Travel



Complete the sentences below with the correct phrasal verb from the box. Use the correct form (e.g., past, present, or continuous) to fit the sentence.

Phrasal Verbs Box:

give back

cut down on

take care of

look after

put up with

run into

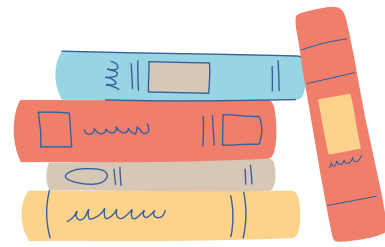
check out

set off

1. Ethical travelers aim to _____ the environment by avoiding harmful practices like littering and pollution.
2. When you visit a local community, try to _____ to it by volunteering or supporting small businesses.
3. Tourists should _____ waste by using reusable water bottles and bags instead of single-use plastics.
4. While traveling, we sometimes _____ unexpected cultural differences that can be surprising or challenging.
5. Before you leave a destination, don't forget to _____ eco-friendly attractions to learn about sustainability.
6. It's important to _____ the local wildlife and not disturb animals in their natural habitats.
7. Responsible tourists must _____ certain inconveniences, such as limited facilities, to avoid harming the environment.
8. Many travelers _____ early in the morning to explore destinations during cooler hours and reduce their carbon footprint.

English for young learners

Topic: Going Green



Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in parentheses (**Present Simple** or **Present Continuous**) to complete the sentences about "Going Green."

1. Every day, people _____ (recycle) paper, plastic, and glass to reduce waste.
2. Right now, the city _____ (organize) a cleanup event in the local park.
3. Maria _____ (use) a reusable water bottle because she wants to avoid single-use plastic.
4. At the moment, factories _____ (switch) to renewable energy sources to reduce pollution.
5. We _____ (plant) more trees every year to improve air quality.
6. Look! The children _____ (collect) trash from the beach.
7. Many people _____ (try) to cut down on their electricity use to save energy.
8. This week, our school _____ (run) a campaign to raise awareness about recycling.
9. My neighbors _____ (not separate) their waste into recycling bins yet.
10. Right now, we _____ (learn) about the importance of protecting the environment in class.

Spotlight on: Inspiring Real-Life Stories About Green Initiatives Around the World

1. The Green Belt Movement – Kenya

Founder: Wangari Maathai (Nobel Peace Prize Winner)

- In 1977, Wangari Maathai started the Green Belt Movement in Kenya to combat deforestation, restore ecosystems, and empower women.
- Impact: Over 51 million trees have been planted across Kenya, providing jobs for thousands of women and improving local water resources.
- Takeaway: One tree at a time can transform landscapes and lives.



2. Kamikatsu, Japan – Zero Waste Town

- The small town of Kamikatsu has pledged to become 100% waste-free by reusing, recycling, and composting everything.
- How it works: Residents separate waste into 45 categories, from aluminum to clothing, ensuring nothing goes to landfills.
- Impact: Kamikatsu now recycles 80% of its waste and inspires cities worldwide to adopt similar systems.
- Takeaway: Community collaboration can drastically reduce waste.

3. Boyan Slat and The Ocean Cleanup – Netherlands

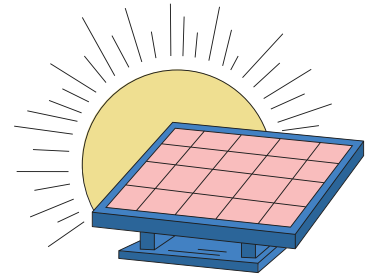
- At just 16 years old, Boyan Slat founded The Ocean Cleanup, a project dedicated to removing plastic from oceans.
- How it works: Slat's team created a system of floating barriers to collect ocean garbage, including the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.
- Impact: Thousands of tons of plastic have been removed from the ocean since the project began.
- Takeaway: One idea, no matter how young or bold, can make a global difference.



Spotlight on: Inspiring Real-Life Stories About Green Initiatives Around the World

4. India's Solar-Powered Rail Stations

- Indian Railways, one of the world's largest rail networks, is transitioning to renewable energy by installing solar panels on train stations and train carriages.
- Impact: By 2030, the project aims to make the railways completely carbon-neutral, reducing emissions and saving billions of dollars in energy costs.
- Takeaway: Large-scale government initiatives can lead the way in renewable energy adoption.



8. Portugal's Renewable Energy Breakthrough

- In 2016, Portugal made headlines when it ran on 100% renewable energy for four consecutive days using wind, solar, and hydroelectric power.
- Impact: The country continues to expand renewable energy initiatives, with a goal to become completely carbon-neutral by 2050.
- Takeaway: National commitment to clean energy is achievable with the right infrastructure and policies.

9. Singapore's Vertical Gardens

- Known for its limited space, Singapore has embraced vertical gardens and urban greenery to combat urban heat and reduce carbon emissions.
- Impact: Iconic structures like Gardens by the Bay and vertical gardens on residential buildings showcase how green architecture can transform cities.
- Takeaway: Even densely populated cities can integrate nature sustainably.





As we wrap up the first month of the year, let's carry forward the energy and enthusiasm of January into the months ahead. Whether it's setting new goals, going green, embracing positive habits, or staying connected with our community, this is the perfect time to build momentum for a successful year. Thank you for being part of this journey, and I look forward to sharing more exercises, stories, and inspiration with you next month. Stay warm, stay motivated, and let's make this year a great one together!



How did you do with the exercises? Have you checked the answers on the next page?

Stay connected!



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Answers

Answer Key: Phrasal Verbs in Ethical Travel

1. take care of
2. give back
3. cut down on
4. run into
5. check out
6. look after
7. put up with
8. set off

Answer Key: Going Green

1. recycle
2. is organising
3. uses
4. are switching
5. plant
6. are collecting
7. try
8. is running
9. do not separate
10. are learning

Answer Key: Modal Verbs in Sustainable Fashion

1. must
2. should
3. should
4. can
5. must
6. have to
7. mustn't
8. might
9. shouldn't
10. mustn't

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