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6 Minute English worksheet
How do climate scientists make predictions?



Listen to the full episode here: https://bbc.in/4pVkx9H

1. **Look at the cover image and title of the episode. What do you think this episode is about? What do you know about this topic already? What vocabulary do you associate with this topic?**

2. **Now listen to the first two minutes of the episode.**
   - What do the presenters say the episode is about?
   - What is this week's question? What do you think the answer is?

3. **Now listen to the whole episode. As you listen, write down the six items of vocabulary. What do they mean?**

a) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

b) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

c) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

d) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

e) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

f) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

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4. What did you learn that was surprising or new in this episode?

5. Answer the quiz questions. Listen again or use the transcript to help you.

1. What is the highest June temperature recorded in the UK?
   a) 37.7°C
   b) 40°C
   c) 47.7°C

2. Which of the following is a statement about what you think will happen in the future?
   a) projection
   b) prediction
   c) premonition

3. Which adjective means 'depending on other factors'?
   a) cooperative
   b) counterintuitive
   c) conditional

4. "The EZ Car Company taxis are very cheap, but _____ them is they're always late."
   a) the fact about
   b) the know about
   c) the thing about

5. Which idiom means 'out of balance or not working properly'?
   a) out of wedge
   b) out of whack
   c) out of the blue

6. What does it mean to say something is 'not on the table'?
   a) it's not an option
   b) it's gone missing
   c) it's made of wood

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6. Write your own sentences using the vocabulary.

7. Answer the following questions.

- What are three things you have learnt from this episode?
- How does this topic make you feel?
- Give three examples relevant to your life using the vocabulary.

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Answers

3.

a. prediction – statement about what you think will happen in the future

b. conditional – depending on other factors; not certain

c. the thing about – (informal) used to introduce the most important feature or detail to understand about something

d. out of whack – (idiom) out of balance; not working properly or broken

e. pro- (something) – in favour of (something)

f. (not) on the table – (idiom) (not) considered an option or a possibility

5. 1a, 2b, 3c, 4c, 5b, 6a

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Teacher's notes
This worksheet is standardised so that you can amend and use it as appropriate with your classes.

Some topics may be difficult for learners, especially those which could be upsetting or cause offence. Please be mindful of this when using this worksheet and adapt it as necessary.

Extension activities

- Role-play an interview with an 'interviewer' and an 'expert' on this topic.
- Write a short story or article using the vocabulary from this episode.
- Read original articles on this topic.
- For homework: If it is available in your country, download and listen to the original podcast these extracts were taken from.

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