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6 Minute English worksheet
Climate change and extreme weather



Listen to the full episode here: **https://bbc.in/3UiYUnW**

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 do we call tropical storms that form in the Atlantic?
   a) hurricanes
   b) typhoons
   c) cyclones

2. How is the speed of storms changing?
   a) They are moving more quickly.
   b) They are travelling more slowly.
   c) They are spinning faster.

3. Which word refers to how probable something is to happen?
   a) liking
   b) likelihood
   c) liked

4. What can cause landslides and mudslides?
   a) drizzle
   b) strong sunshine
   c) heavy rain

5. What causes the highest number of deaths and injuries in a tropical storm?
   a) the wind power
   b) the storm surge
   c) the temperature

6. How fast is the Arctic's climate warming?
   a) 3 times slower than the average rate
   b) at around the average rate
   c) 3 times faster than the average rate

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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. likelihood – how probable something is to happen

b. landslide – where earth, rocks, etc move quickly downhill

c. mudslide – a type of landslide where liquid mud moves quickly downhill

d. storm surge – a sudden rise in sea level that moves inland

e. sweep in – move in quickly and powerfully

f. casualty – someone killed or injured in an accident, attack or incident

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

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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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