



## Summit to decide world's future

### INSTRUCTIONS

Write the numbers 1-10. Then match the blanks in the article with the words listed below.

gases

Obama

disaster

high

Brown

rainforests

leaders

greenhouse

2012

aid

The world's politicians must reach an agreement at the United Nations climate summit in Copenhagen if they want to avoid an environmental 1)\_\_\_\_\_.

This warning came from the Danish Prime Minister when he opened the two-week conference in the Danish capital. He told delegates from 192 countries that a "strong treaty on climate change is absolutely vital".



The main areas for discussion at Copenhagen include:

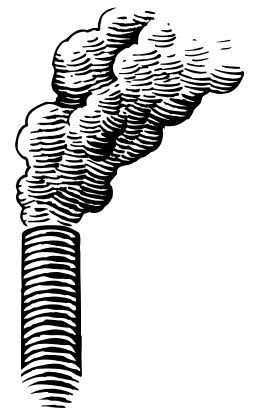
- targets to cut greenhouse 2)\_\_\_\_\_
- financial 3)\_\_\_ for developing countries to help them adapt to climate change
- a carbon trading scheme aimed at saving the world's 4)\_\_\_\_\_.



Many of the world's 5)\_\_\_\_\_ have agreed to attend. They include US President Barack 6)\_\_\_\_\_, UK Prime Minister Gordon 7)\_\_\_\_\_, French President Nicolas Sarkozy and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. It is hoped the presence of such well-known politicians will help the summit reach an agreement.

The need for a treaty is urgent because the existing agreement on climate change expires in 8)\_\_\_\_\_. Most experts claim any new treaty must agree immediate and very tough action to cut 9)\_\_\_\_\_ gases.

Two weeks of hard work lie ahead. Some people believe an agreement will not be reached. However the stakes are so 10)\_\_\_ that the politicians may decide they simply cannot afford to fail.



### QUESTIONS

- 1) Where is the United Nations climate summit being held at present?
- 2) What did the Danish Prime Minister tell the 192 delegates?
- 3) List the three main areas for discussion at the Copenhagen summit.
- 4) Name three world leaders who have agreed to attend the summit.
- 5) When does the existing agreement on climate change expire?
- 6) Suggest a reason why rich countries should help poor countries cope with climate change.
- 7) Follow the progress of the summit in the news and write down five things you learn.

## No.11 - Answers

### NEWS ARTICLE

1. disaster 2. gases 3. aid 4. rainforests 5. leaders 6. Obama 7. Brown 8. 2012 9. greenhouse 10. high

### QUESTIONS

1. Copenhagen in Denmark.
2. He told delegates a strong treaty on climate change is absolutely vital.
3. targets to cut greenhouse gases  
financial aid for developing countries to help them adapt to climate change  
a carbon trading scheme aimed at saving the world's rainforests
4. Barack Obama, Gordon Brown, Nicolas Sarkozy, Manmohan Singh among many others.
5. 2012
6. Rich countries have caused most of the world's greenhouse gases.  
Rich countries have most of the world's wealth and can therefore afford to help poor nations.  
Developing countries are the ones who will suffer most from climate change.  
If rich nations do not help poor nations adapt, the poor nations will greatly increase the problem of global warming as their economies develop.
7. Many possible answers.