



## Topic vocabulary

## THE ENVIRONMENT

climate change (*n*), to plant (*v*), to grow (*v*), land (*n*),  
temperatures (*n*), vapour (*n*), biodiversity (*n*), shade (*n*),  
plants (*n*), greenhouse effect (*n*).

## RECYCLING

bin (*n*), to collect (*v*), plastic (*n*), old newspapers (*n*),  
waste (*n*), to recycle (*v*), to reuse (*v*), rubbish (*n*),  
to contribute (*v*), to sort (*v*), to reduce (*v*).

**TITLE** *The Winners*

**SHIVANI** Hi. I'm Shivani. Like you I'm really concerned about the problems of climate change. But lots of schools have special projects to help the environment.

The British Council asked schools to make videos about what they're doing to tackle **climate change**. The 10 best videos show some fantastic things going on. Let's take a look.

**SHIVANI** First let's go to the Philippines.

**TROY** It is something that we all are familiar with. But most of us think of climate change as a joke. I'm telling you it's not, it's real and day by day, it's getting worse.

**SHIVANI** Yes, it's real and we can all help. In this school in Ukraine they **recycle** lots of things.

**STUDENTS IN UKRAINE** Look, we always put the litter into the bins. Besides, we **sort** it. We put paper waste here and **plastic** bottles into this bin.

**SHIVANI** In Nigeria, the students' film shows how they **reuse waste**. They are making waste bins with plastic water bottles.

**SHIVANI** And in Ethiopia, Hawi and her friends reuse plastic bottles to help **grow** plants. This helps the **environment**.

**HAWI** We started to change the plastic **rubbish** into vegetable pots.

**SHIVANI** In Northern Ireland this school made a photo report. They're **planting** flowers and trees to help the environment.

**St. DOMINIC'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL** Here you can see some of our junior school pupils planting flowers within our school grounds.

**SHIVANI** In Indonesia, students are planting mangrove trees near their school. Trees help create **shade** and lower temperatures. They **reduce** soil erosion and release water **vapour**.

**SHIVANI** At another school in Indonesia they have lots of different plants and trees. Planting helps to increase **biodiversity** in the local area. Biodiversity is the number of plants, animals and microorganisms which help to support life. It also helps us to cancel out or "offset" our carbon emissions. This helps reduce climate change.

**SHIVANI** In Kenya the students made a video about their project - planting and caring for the land around the school.

**SHIVANI** In India this school project helps trees and the environment in a different way. They have collected old newspapers and recycled them.

**STUDENT IN INDIA** We all read newspapers and we know the creation of paper is done by cutting trees. When we collect the old newspaper and recycle them it takes 70% less energy and water to recycle paper than to create new paper. In our school I've collected 24,000 kgs of old newspapers to **contribute** our part to stop the changes in climate conditions.

**SHIVANI** And in Lebanon the students made a video to show how they changed their school. They planted lots of plants and flowers all around the school.

**STUDENT IN LEBANON** Plants like me are very important to tackle the climate change. Do you know that the **greenhouse effect** is a natural process that warms the Earth's surface and the Sun's energy is absorbed by the atmosphere and the surface of the earth leading to their warmth.

**SHIVANI** What brilliant videos and what fantastic ideas to help reduce climate change. I'm going to recycle plastic bottles and plant herbs in them. Just like they did in Ethiopia. What will you do? And to end the show, this is my favourite piece from Ukraine:

**STUDENTS IN UKRAINE** We are a team and it's only the beginning. Let's change the world together. Let's help our planet. Don't forget we are all in one boat and we have no way out but to live on this planet and to keep our home clean.