

Kiribati

You are going to watch a short video about an island republic called Kiribati, in the Central Pacific Ocean, approximately 8,000km east of Australia.

- Before you watch, look at the expressions and words in the table below.
Use as many of the words and expressions to write a paragraph summarising what you think the video will be about.

Scientific research	High tide waves
Climate change	Moving to a new house every three years
Houses disappeared	To leave where you come from
4 metres high	Under water
Extremely vulnerable	Victims
Relocating the population	Maintain identity and the culture
Refugees	

- Watch the video about Kiribati and check to see how similar your predictions are to the actual video. Tick the expressions from the table as you hear them.
Link to the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cIG7vt1ZPKE>
- Edit your summary paragraph so that it is an accurate description of the video.

4. Watch the video again. For questions 1 - 5 choose the best option (a), (b) or (c)
1. According to scientific research, the Pacific is the region most affected by...
 - A: climate change
 - B: pollution
 - C: rising sea levels

 2. Kiribati is...
 - A: lower than 4 metres above sea level
 - B: a maximum of 4 metres above sea level at the highest point
 - C: only 4 metres from the sea

 3. The projections from scientists make the president of Kiribati feel...
 - A: pessimistic about the future
 - B: optimistic about the future
 - C: realistic about the future

 4. According the president of Kiribati, becoming a refugee is caused...
 - A: by events happening that are expected
 - B: by events that we can plan for
 - C: by events that haven't been planned for

 5. Tangaroa says that older people from Kiribati don't understand the problems because...
 - A: they believe they should stay on their land until they die
 - B: they find it difficult to sell their property
 - C: they have never left before

Discussion

The video you have watched shows how climate change and rising sea levels is affecting the islands of Kiribati and its people. Think about the following questions:

- In what way has climate change affected where you live?
- How will it affect where you live in 5, 10, 20 or 50 years from now?
- What do you do to help the environment? What could you do more of/less of?
- How do you feel when you hear people say that climate change isn't real?

Spend 5 minutes writing some notes in the space below about your thoughts, feelings and opinions about the questions.

When you have finished writing, discuss your notes with a partner.