



United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres met with UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson and more than 35 other world leaders.

Guterres said that world leaders did not work hard enough to stop **climate change**. He said that it was necessary to lower emissions and to help poorer countries make cleaner energy.

This year's summer was full of natural disasters. Wildfires destroyed a large part of the US and floods hit the US, China, and Europe, too. There were **cyclones** in places where they never were before.

Guterres said that it was necessary to lower emissions by 45% by 2030. The latest numbers show that countries lowered emissions, but it was not enough. If the situation stays as it is now, the **emissions** will grow by 16% in 2030.

Difficult words: **climate change** (the change of weather on Earth), **cyclone** (a tropical storm), **emission** (the gas, dust, and other things from vehicles or factories).

**Discussion Questions****Topic Talk**

1. Define the following words: *climate change*, *cyclone* and *emission*
2. Why did UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres meet with more than 36 world leaders?
3. What was the UN Secretary-General's message for the world leaders?
4. What recent big disasters alarmed Guterres and made him urge world leaders to work harder?
5. What does Guterres predict will happen in 2030 if the situation stays the same?

Express Your Thoughts

1. What do you know about climate change?
2. How serious have the problems been concerning climate change?
3. How do the leaders in your country address the issues about climate change?
4. Personally, what have you done to help solve climate problems?
5. Do you think the big disasters we've been experiencing will continue to occur on the next few years?