



In October 2021, world leaders met in Glasgow, Scotland, and they talked about how to stop **global warming** and **extreme** weather.

There were many disasters in 2021 all over the world, and people saw tornadoes, wildfires, and floods in places where they never saw them before. Strong earthquakes hit Haiti and Pakistan, killed hundreds of people, and injured many more. There were heavy floods in Asia, Europe, and even New York City. Storms brought **flash floods** which nobody expected, and hundreds of people died.

Dangerously hot temperatures caused hundreds of fires during the summer in the US, Turkey, and Southern Europe. There were fires even in Siberia in places which were usually cold and the ground was frozen there.

**Difficult words:** **global warming** (heating of the planet), **extreme** (not usual and very serious), **flash flood** (when there is suddenly too much water in a river or place because it rains heavily).

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

1. Define the word: *global warming, extreme and flash floods*
2. When and where did world leaders meet to talk about how to stop global warming and extreme weather?
3. What were the different disasters that happened in 2021 all over the world?
4. Which places in the world experienced heavy floods in 2021?
5. Why were the fires that happened in Siberia considered unusual?

**Express Your Thoughts**

1. Did you hear the news about the many different disasters in the world in 2021?  
Which ones?
2. Did your country experience any disasters in 2021? Can you tell me more about them?
3. Do you believe the problem about global climate change is getting more serious nowadays?
4. Do you think your national leaders are doing enough to help solve global warming and extreme weather?