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6 Minute English worksheet

What is degrowth?



Listen to the full episode here: <https://bbc.in/4lBed49>

1. **Look at the cover image and title of the episode. What do you think this episode is about? What do you know about this topic already? What vocabulary do you associate with this topic?**
2. **Now listen to the first two minutes of the episode.**
 - What do the presenters say the episode is about?
 - What is this week's question? What do you think the answer is?
3. **Now listen to the whole episode. As you listen, write down the six items of vocabulary. What do they mean?**

a) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

b) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

c) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

d) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

e) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

f) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

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4. What did you learn that was surprising or new in this episode?

5. Answer the quiz questions. Listen again or use the transcript to help you.

1. What does Phil do to help the environment?
 - a) cycle instead of driving
 - b) take showers instead of baths
 - c) eat a vegetarian diet instead of eating meat
2. Which word means the economic idea that we should use and make less stuff?
 - a) feasibility
 - b) degrowth
 - c) underestimate
3. "One _____ of my job is answering the phone. But I do lots of other things too."
 - a) partition
 - b) chemical
 - c) element
4. What is fast fashion?
 - a) clothes that are made quickly and cheaply
 - b) clothes for running in
 - c) clothes that can be cleaned quickly
5. Which word means to not understand the importance or size of something?
 - a) feasibility
 - b) beneficial
 - c) underestimate
6. I don't think the bridge will be built on time. It's _____.
 - a) feasible
 - b) beneficial
 - c) unfeasible

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6. Write your own sentences using the vocabulary.

7. Answer the following questions.

- What are three things you have learnt from this episode?
- How does this topic make you feel?
- Give three examples relevant to your life using the vocabulary.

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Answers

3.

- a. degrowth – the economic idea that we need to use and make less stuff
- b. element of – part of
- c. beneficial – useful or good
- d. fast fashion – clothes made cheaply and quickly so that people can buy them more often
- e. underestimate – not understand the importance or size of something
- f. feasibility – the likelihood that something can be achieved

5. 1a, 2b, 3c, 4a, 5c, 6c

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Teacher's notes

This worksheet is standardised so that you can amend and use it as appropriate with your classes.

Some topics may be difficult for learners, especially those which could be upsetting or cause offence. Please be mindful of this when using this worksheet, and adapt it as necessary.

Extension activities

- Role-play an interview with an 'interviewer' and an 'expert' on this topic.
- Write a short story or article using the vocabulary from this episode.
- Read original articles on this topic.
- For homework: If it is available in your country, download and listen to the original podcast these extracts were taken from.