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Level 2

Greta Thunberg has been named TIME magazine's Person of the Year. The 16-year-old from Sweden beat New Zealand's Prime Minister and the Hong Kong democracy protestors to win the award. Ms Thunberg rose to fame in August 2018 when she decided to go on a climate strike outside the Swedish parliament. This started a global climate movement. Schoolchildren worldwide followed her example. She has addressed the United Nations in New York and has met the Pope this year. After hearing about the award, she said: "Wow, this is unbelievable! I will share this great honour."

Greta Thunberg is the youngest person to get the award. TIME magazine wrote that Greta has shifted millions of people's attitudes around the world. It said she got people to join a "worldwide movement calling for urgent change". It added: "Greta has offered a moral call to those who are willing to act, and put shame on those who are not." Not everyone is happy with TIME. Donald Trump Jr said the award to Greta was "a marketing gimmick". In contrast, Hillary Clinton tweeted: "I am grateful for all she's done to raise awareness of the climate crisis. [She] tells hard, motivating truths."

Level 3

Climate activist Greta Thunberg has been named TIME magazine's Person of the Year for 2019. The 16-year-old from Sweden beat New Zealand's Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and the Hong Kong democracy protestors to win the award. Ms Thunberg shot to fame in 2018 for raising people's awareness of the threat to the planet from climate change. She started a global movement when she decided to go on a climate strike outside the Swedish parliament in August 2018. Schoolchildren around the world then followed her example. She has since addressed the United Nations in New York and has met the Pope. After hearing about the award, she tweeted: "Wow, this is unbelievable! I will share this great honour."

Greta Thunberg is the youngest person ever to receive the award. TIME magazine wrote about why it gave the prize to Ms Thunberg. It said she has, "succeeded in creating a global attitudinal shift" in getting millions of people to join a "worldwide movement calling for urgent change". It added: "Greta has offered a moral call to those who are willing to act, and put shame on those who are not." Not everyone is happy with Ms Thunberg receiving the award. Donald Trump Jr said TIME was using a teenager "as a marketing gimmick". In contrast, Hillary Clinton tweeted: "I am grateful for all she's done to raise awareness of the climate crisis, and her willingness to tell hard, motivating truths."