



## World Leaders Speech

**Climate change** will impact **everyone** around the world. Some of those who will be most affected are **children**. In fact, it is expected that **175 million children** will be affected in some way or another by climate change every single year. However, it is not all doom and gloom! There is **a lot** that we can do and there is a lot that children themselves can do to help. One of the ways children can **help** is by trying to convince politicians to act!

**World leaders** are often sheltered from the consequences of their decisions and can sometimes use a reminder that appeals to their **emotional side**. That is why this activity focuses on the students writing a speech for world leaders.

### Instructions

The aim of this activity is for your students to **write** and then **perform** a 30-45 second speech. The setting of this **speech** is at the UN general assembly (a big meeting with leaders from all over the world).

The purpose of this speech is to **convince** world leaders that they should help **protect the planet** and to **increase** their efforts to make sure that climate change does not become **uncontrollable**.

This speech is meant to evoke **feeling** and **emotion** from the audience. It can be spoken from the perspective of the student or it can also be spoken from the perspective of a child somewhere else in the world. For example, a student could choose to speak as a child from the island nation of Tuvalu and talk about rising sea levels impacting their home.

The following links are **examples of speeches** to world leaders from children. We highly encourage you to watch these with your class so they can have a rough idea of what to aim for.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xWLCiXyptdM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAJsdgTPJpU>

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