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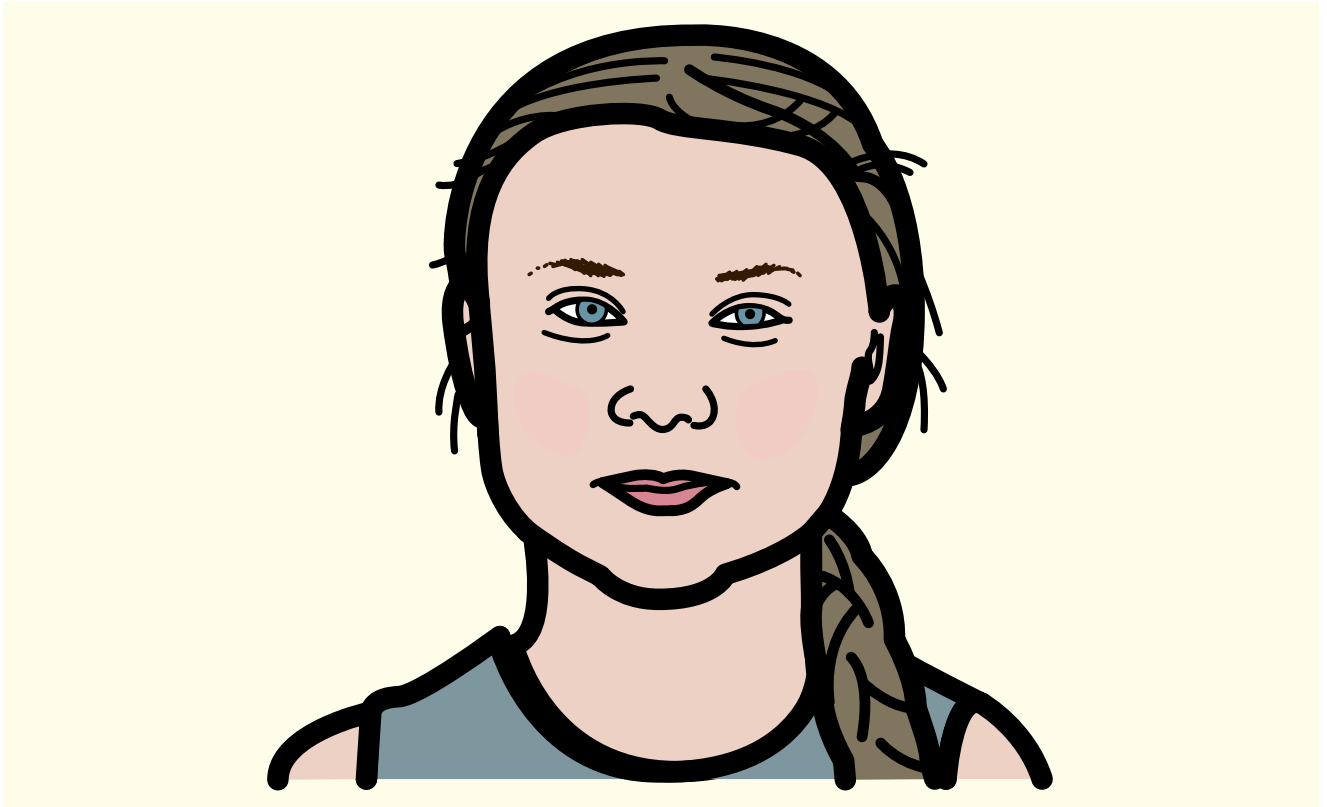
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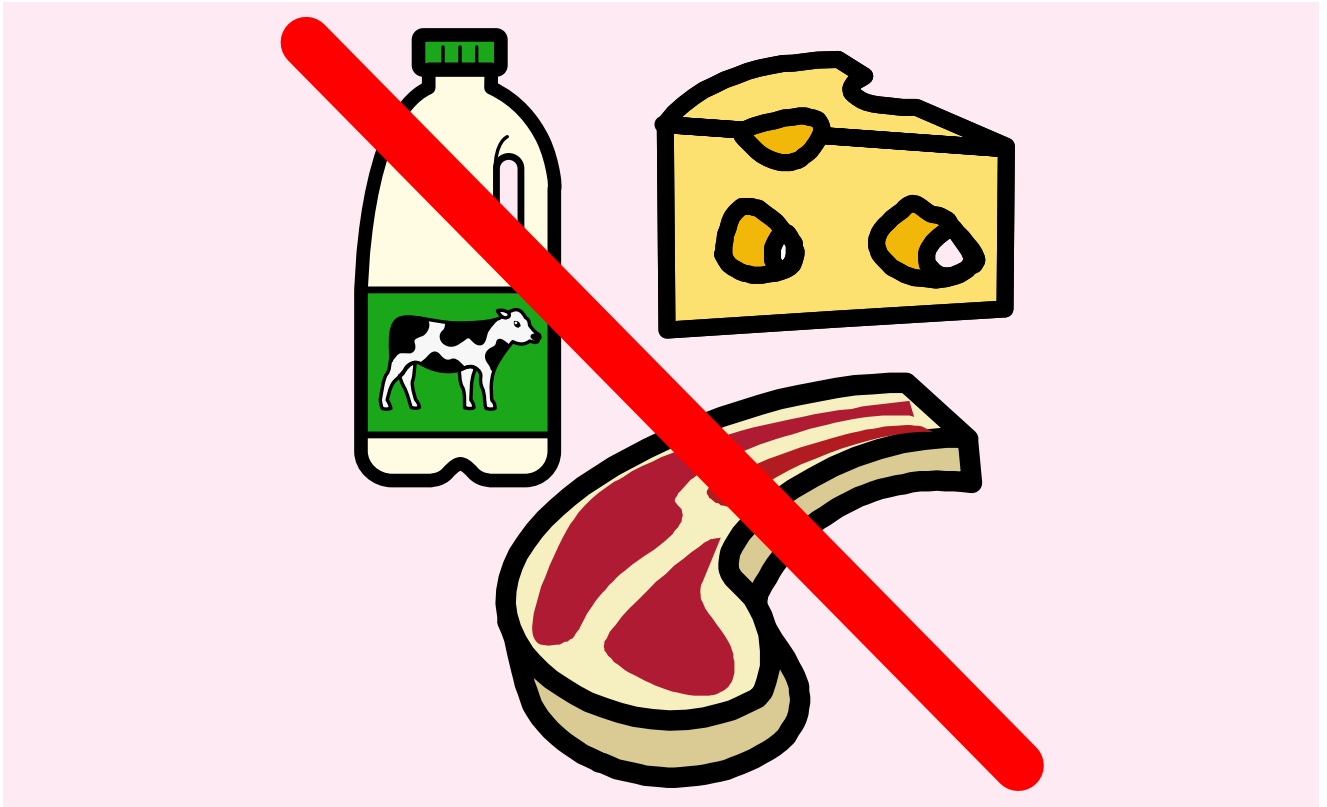


Greta Thunberg was born in Stockholm in 2003.

Her mother was an opera singer.

Her father was an actor.

Young Greta travelled the world with her parents.

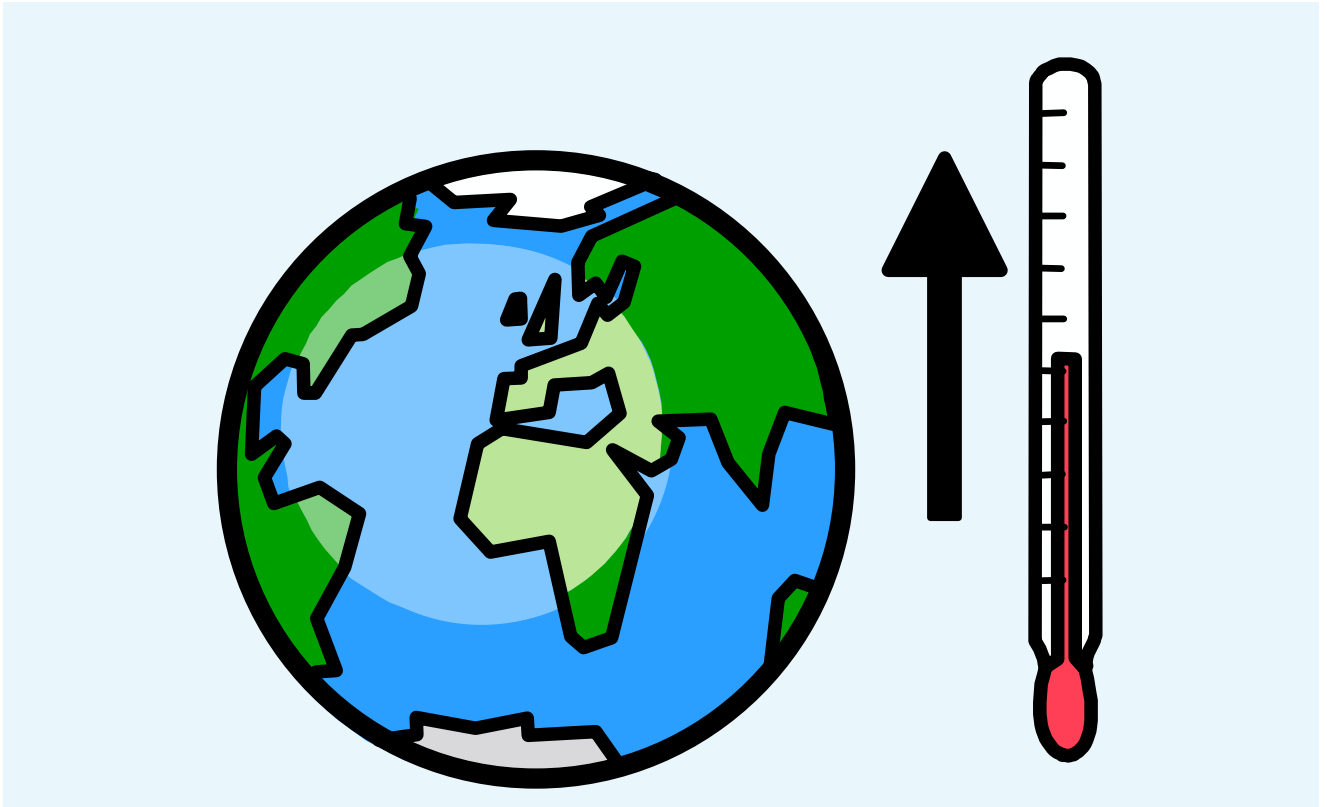


Greta learned about climate change aged 8.

She made changes in her lifestyle to help.

Greta became a vegan and refused to fly.

Livestock and air travel cause climate change.



Climate change means the Earth is becoming warmer.

Global warming causes melting ice caps and flooding.

Climate change is caused by greenhouse gases.

Burning fossil fuels releases carbon dioxide.

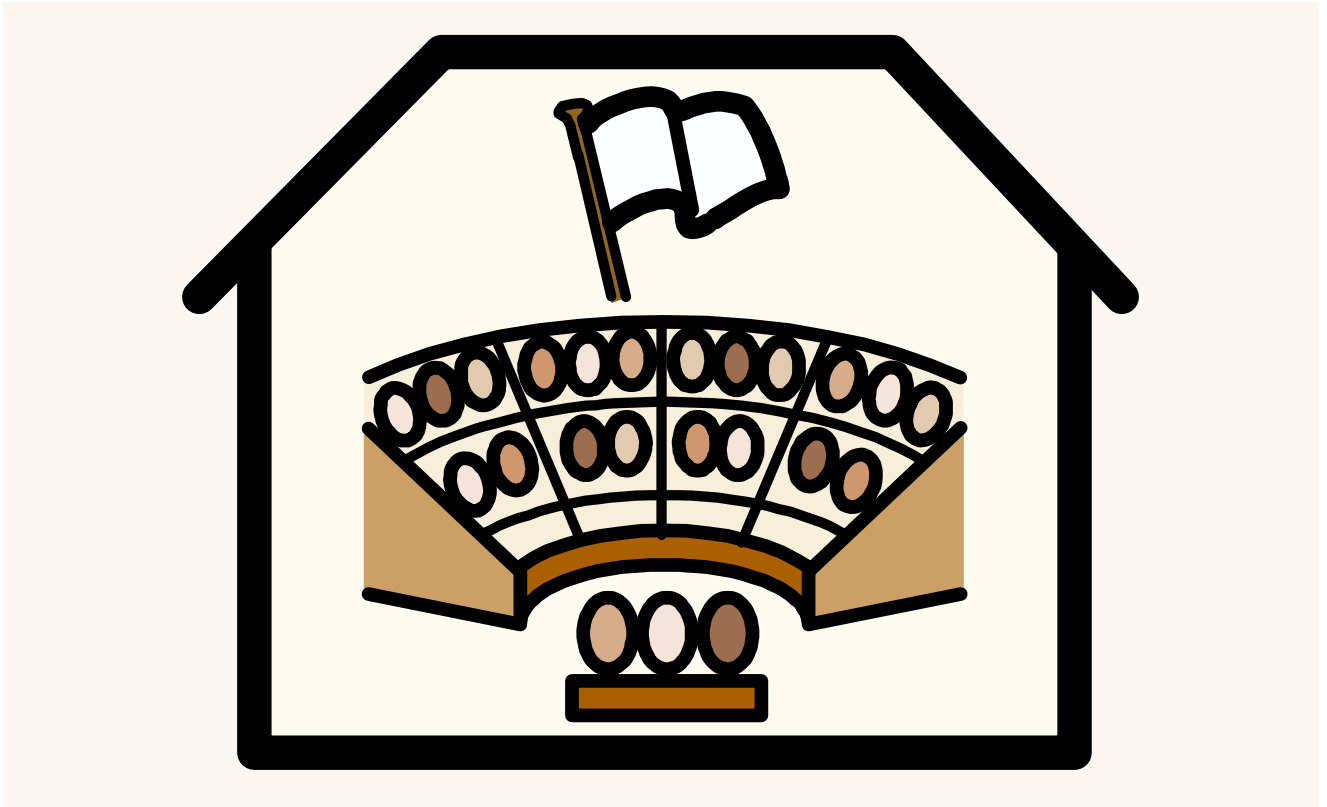


In 2018 Greta won a competition in a newspaper.

She had written an essay about climate change.

In Sweden there were heat waves and wildfires.

In August 2018 Greta decided it was time to act.



Greta protested outside the Swedish parliament.

Her banner said *"School strike for climate"*.

On her first day Greta was alone.

As the days passed more people joined her.

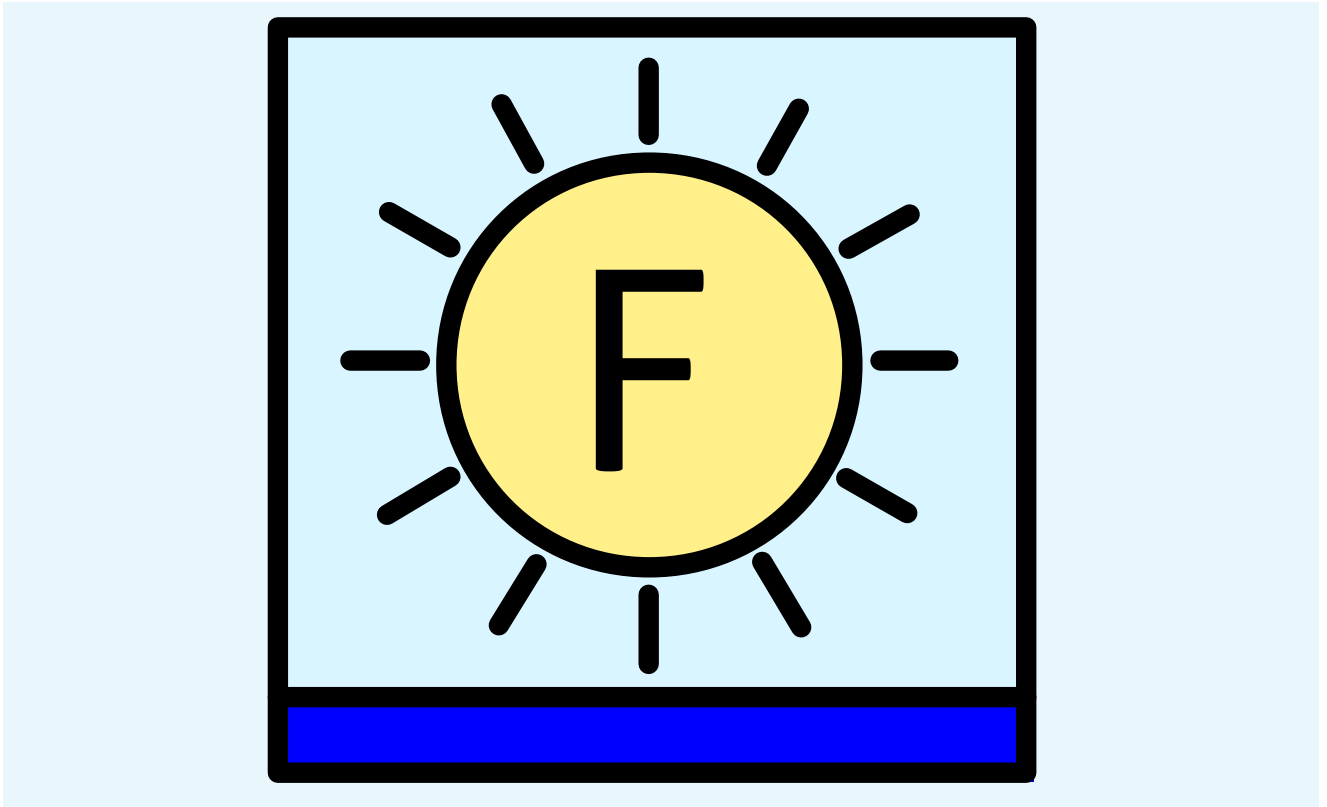


Greta decided to continue her protests in September.

She missed school every Friday to protest.

Greta encouraged other children to protest.

Greta's protest became very popular on the internet.

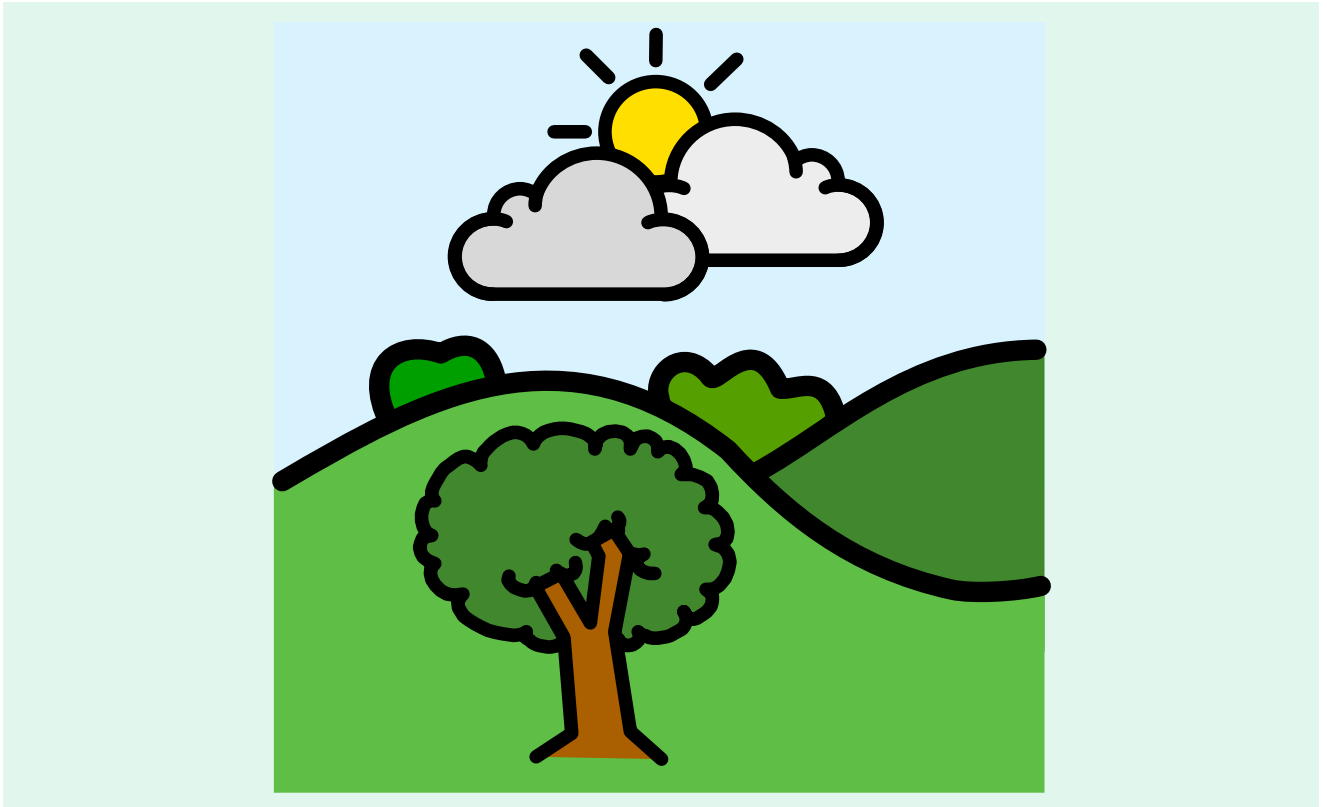


Other strikes began all around the world.

The strikes had the hashtag **#FridaysForFuture**.

By December 20,000 students had joined the strikes.

Greta joined strikes across Europe to show support.



In 2019 Greta took a year away from school.

She wanted to continue environmental campaigning.

Greta joined climate change protests.

She gave speeches at environmental conferences.

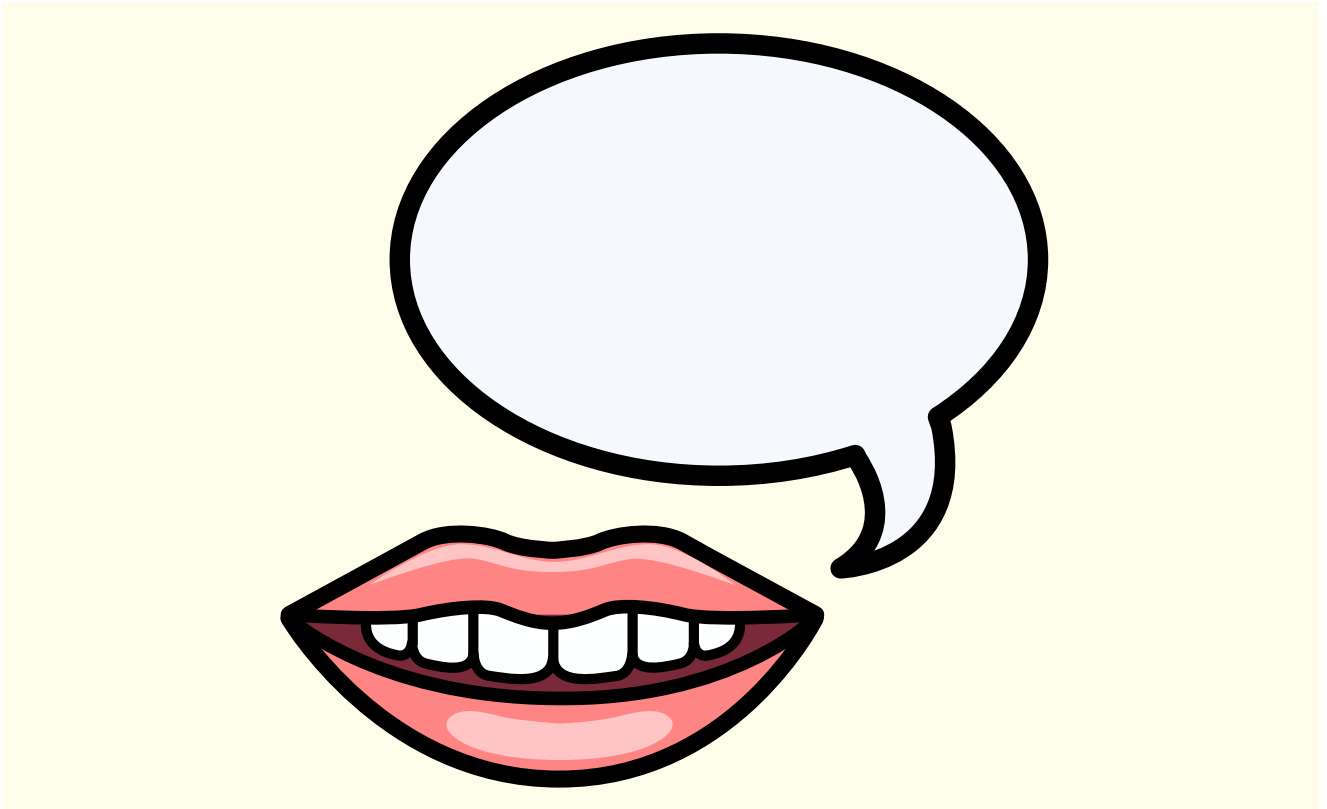


Greta attended a United Nations event in New York.

She refused to travel by plane because of emissions.

Instead she travelled to America by yacht.

This journey took Greta two weeks.



Greta made a famous speech at the United Nations.

"You have stolen my dreams and my childhood..."

"We are in the beginning of a mass extinction..."

"And all you talk about is money... How dare you!"

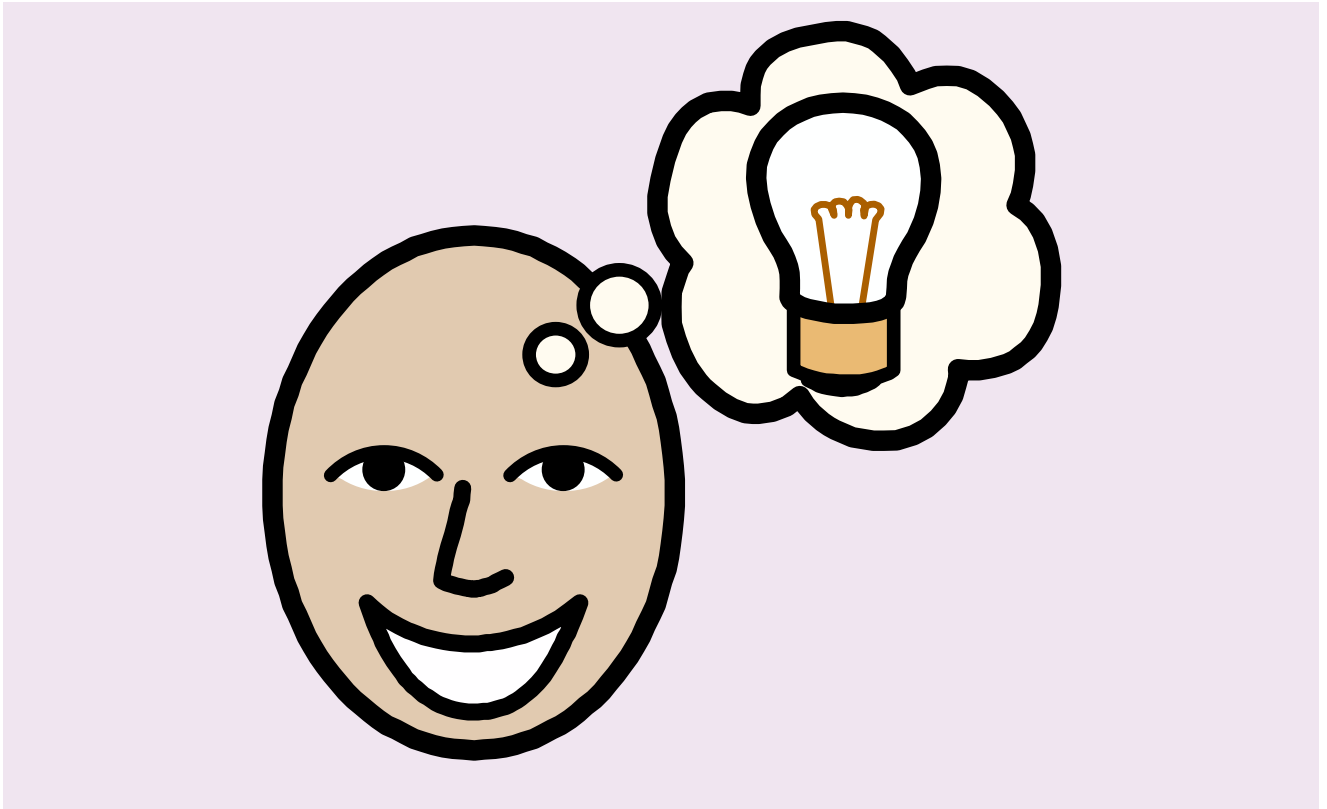


Time Magazine named Greta '*Person of the Year*'.

Greta published a collection of her speeches.

It is called '*No one is too small to make a difference.*'

In 2020 Greta featured in a documentary.

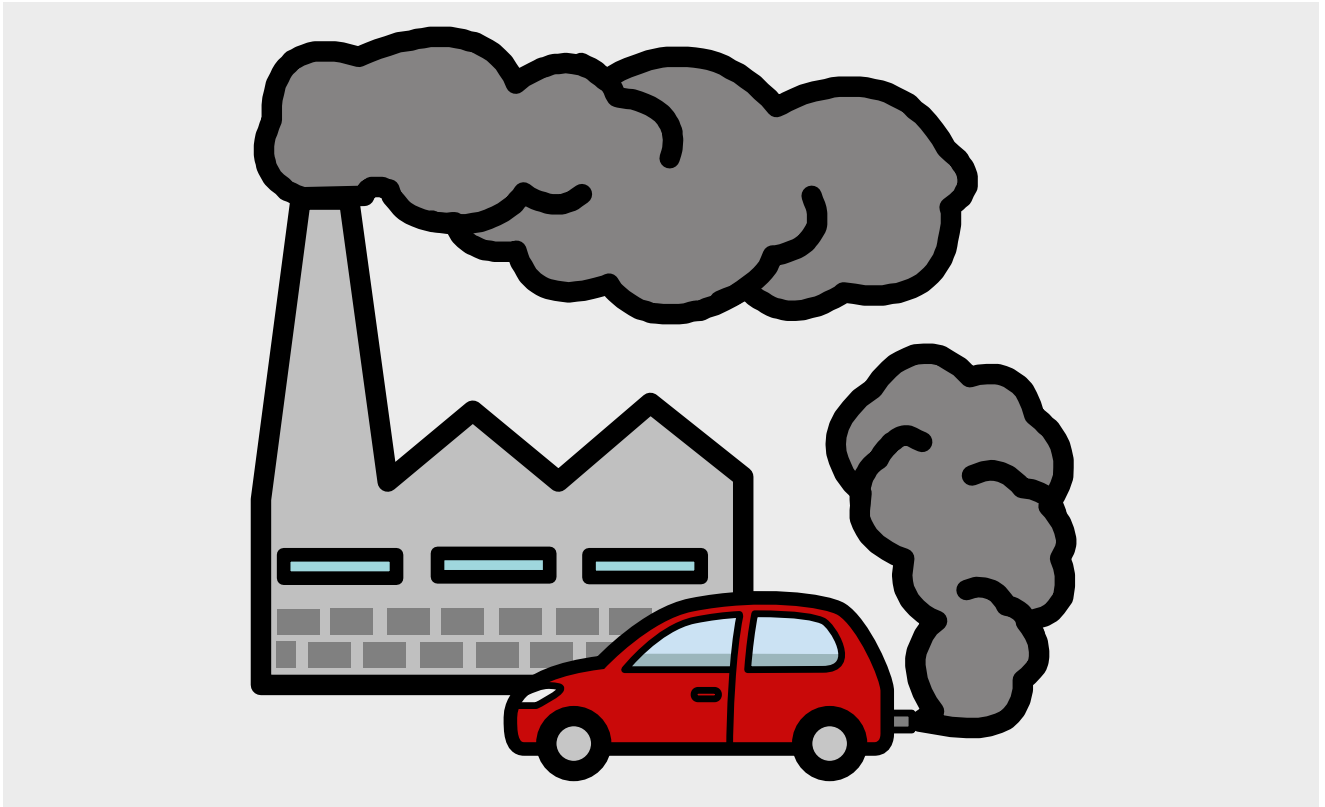


Greta has inspired millions of people around the world.

People have demanded more action on climate change.

Greta has been joined by scientists and world leaders.

This has been called '*The Greta effect*.'

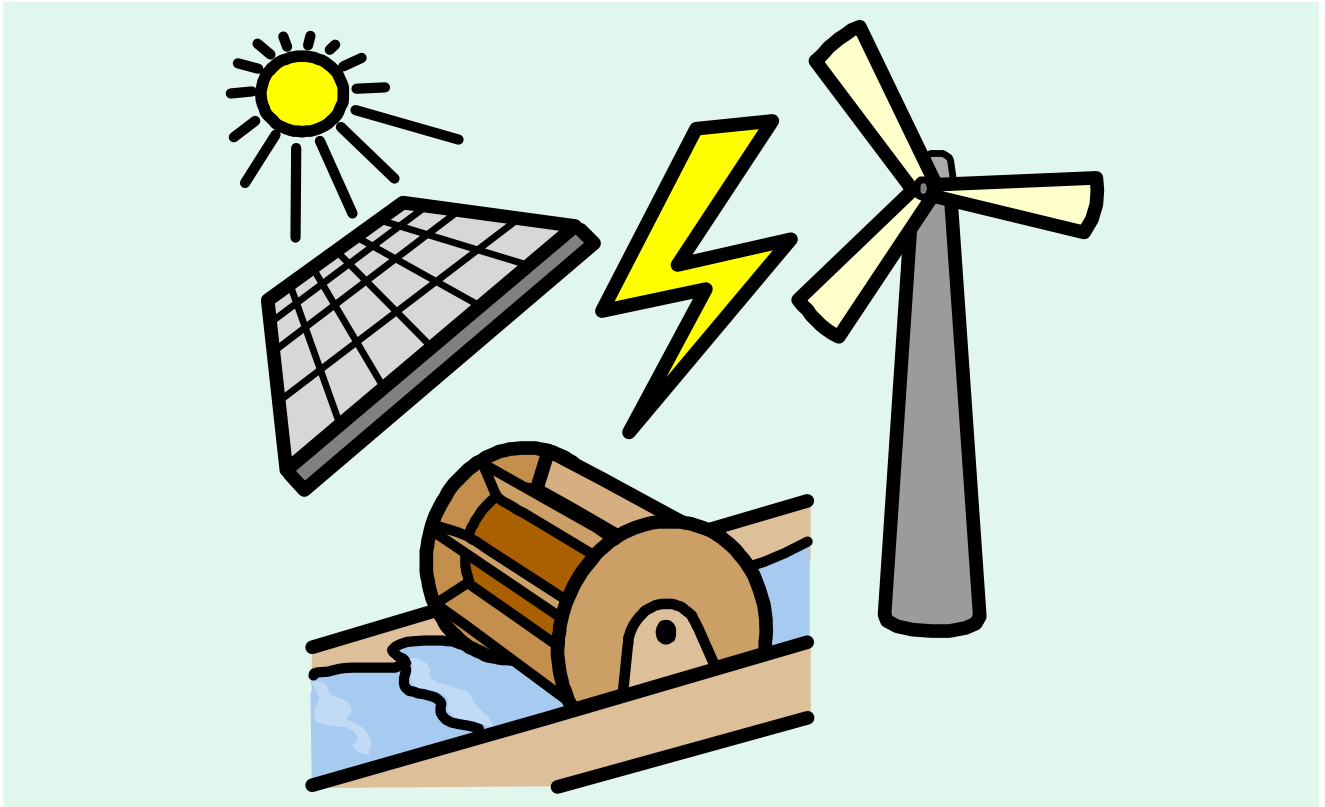


Greta believes we can do more for climate change.

She wants everyone to reduce carbon emissions.

She wants everyone to stop investing in fossil fuels.

Fossil fuels include coal, oil and natural gas.

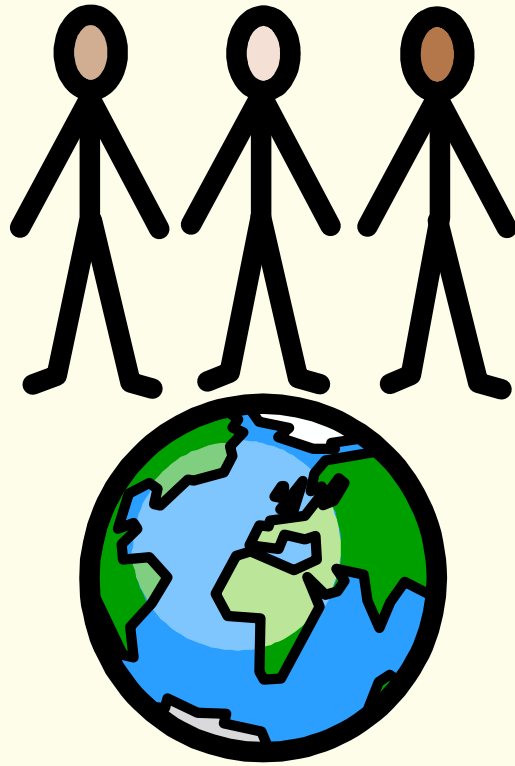


Greta believes we should invest in renewable energy.

Solar panels can convert energy from the sun.

Wind turbines can convert energy from the wind.

New technology can help reduce climate change.

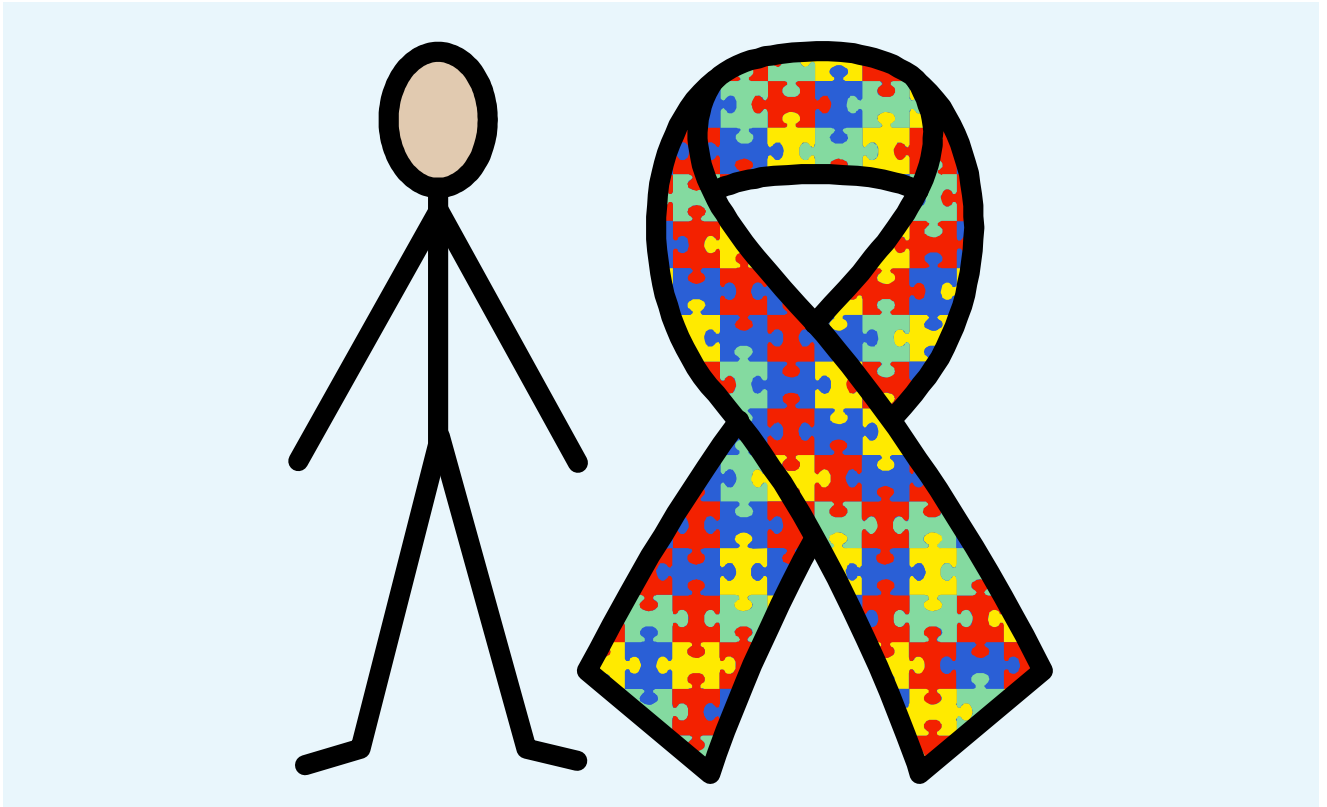


Greta has been given many awards for her work.

This includes a million euro humanitarian prize.

Greta has visited 70 countries for her protests.

She has given speeches at hundreds of events.

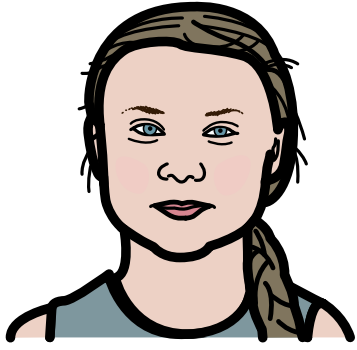


Greta is an autistic person.

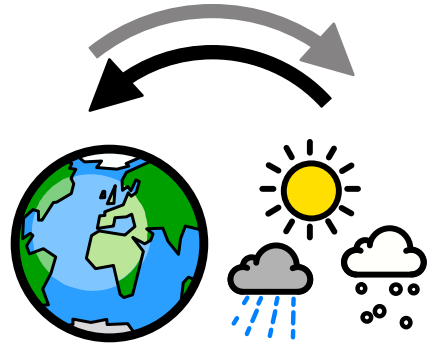
She can see things differently from other people.

Greta believes our differences make us stronger.

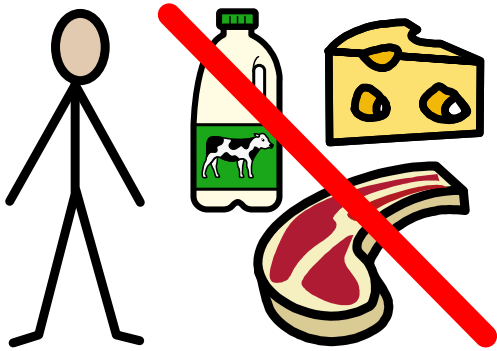
Greta has said "Being different is a superpower."



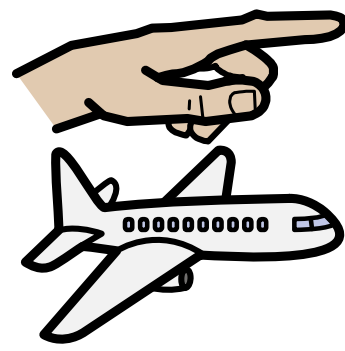
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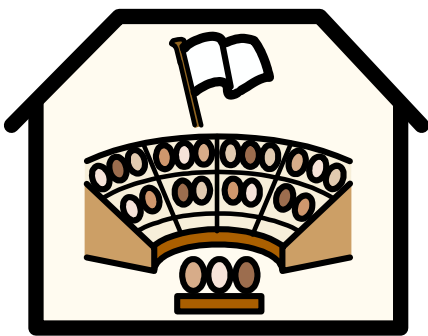
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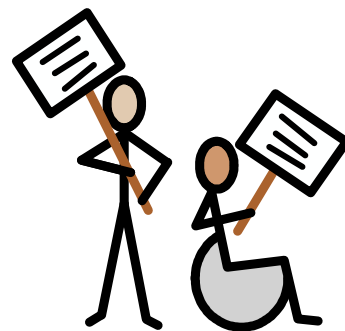
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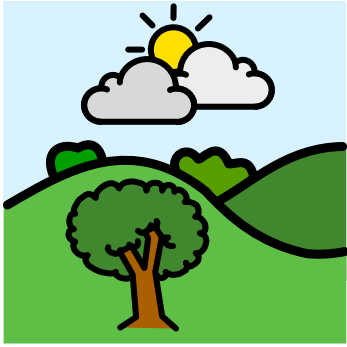
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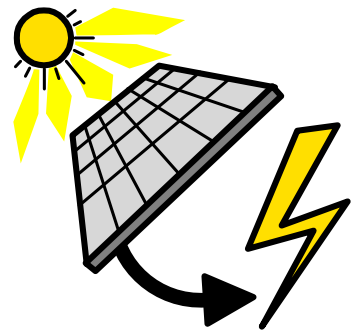
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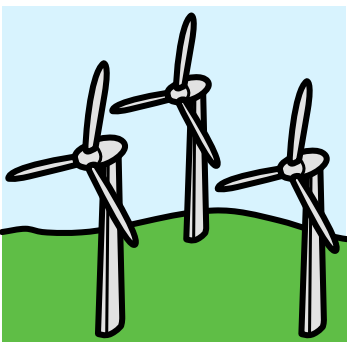
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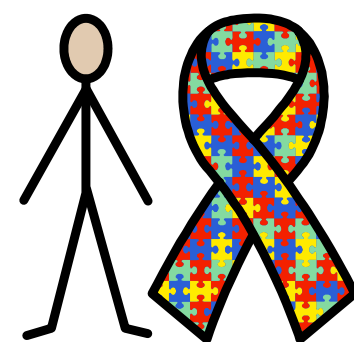
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solar panels



wind turbines



autistic person