

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 protesters 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 honor."

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."

Paragraph 1

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| 1. activist | a. Knowledge or understanding about something. |
| 2. democracy | b. A person who goes into the street to tell the government, a company or other organization that they disagree with something. |
| 3. protester | c. A system of government where the people vote for their leaders. |
| 4. shot | d. Spoke to a person or group of people, usually in a speech or in a formal way. |
| 5. awareness | e. A person who campaigns to bring about political or social change. |
| 6. strike | f. Moved suddenly and quickly. |
| 7. addressed | g. Stop working (or going to school) to complain about something. |

Paragraph 2

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| 8. award | h. Seriously needing immediate action or attention. |
| 9. shift | i. A silly trick to attract attention, publicity, or business. |
| 10. movement | j. A loss of respect or esteem; dishonor. |
| 11. urgent | k. A change in position or thinking. |
| 12. shame | l. A time of great difficulty, trouble, or danger. |
| 13. gimmick | m. A prize given for an achievement. |
| 14. crisis | n. A group of people working together for their shared political, social, or artistic ideas. |