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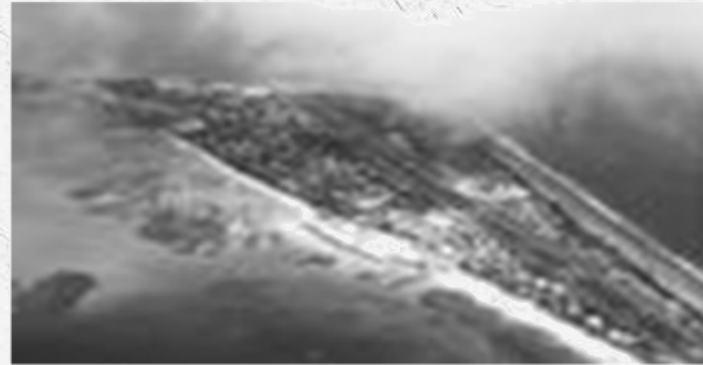


晨读晚诵

导语:图瓦卢,不是世界上最小的国家,但面对全球变暖,却是世界上最惨的国家。

Tuvalu affected by rising sea levels

You might think that “global warming” simply means nothing more than a rise in the world’ s temperature. But rising sea levels caused by it have resulted in the first **evacuation**¹ of an island nation. The citizens of Tuvalu will have to leave their homeland.



During the 20th century, sea levels rose 8-12 inches. As a result, Tuvalu experienced lowland flooding of salt water that had polluted the country's drinking water.

A Tuvaluan government official reported to the Earth Policy Institute that the nation suffered an unusually high number of fierce storms in the past ten years. Many scientists connect higher surface water temperatures resulting from global warming to greater and more damaging storms.

The official expressed dissatisfaction with the United States for refusing to sign the *Kyoto Protocol*, an international agreement calling for industrialised nations to reduce their greenhouse gas **emissions**², which are a main cause of global warming. “By refusing to sign the agreement, the US has effectively taken away the freedom of future generations of Tuvaluans to live where their **forefathers**³ have lived for thousands of years.” the official said.

Tuvalu has asked Australia and New Zealand to allow the gradual move of its people to both countries.

Tuvalu is not the only country that is **vulnerable**⁴ to rising sea levels. President of the Maldives told the United Nations that global warming has made his country an “endangered nation”.

译文:

受海平面上升影响的图瓦卢

你可能会认为“全球变暖”仅仅意味着世界温度的上升。但由此造成的海平面上升导致了一个岛国的第一次撤离。图瓦卢的居民将不得不离开他们的家园。

在20世纪,海平面上升了8~12英寸。因此,图瓦卢经历了低地咸水的泛滥,污染了该国的饮用水。

图瓦卢政府一位官员向地球政策研究所报告说,该国在过去十年遭受了异常多的猛烈风暴袭击。很多科学家将由全球变暖导致的更高的地表水温度与更大和更具破坏性的风暴联系在一起。

这位官员对美国拒绝签署《京都议定书》表示不满。《京都议定书》是一项呼吁工业化国家减少其温室气体排放的国际协议。温室气体排放是全球变暖的主要原因。“通过拒绝签署该协议,美国实际上剥夺了图瓦卢人子孙后代在他们的祖先生活了数千年的地方生活的自由。”这位官员说道。

图瓦卢请求澳大利亚和新西兰允许其人民逐步迁往两国。

图瓦卢并不是唯一一个易受海平面上升影响的国家。马尔代夫总统对联合国说,全球变暖使他的国家成为一个“濒危国家”。

【词海拾贝】

1. evacuation /ɪˌvækju'eɪʃn/ *n.* 疏散; 撤离
2. emission /ɪ'mɪʃn/ *n.* (光、热、气等的) 发出, 射出, 排放; 排放物, 散发物
3. forefather /fɔːfəːðə(r)/ *n.* 祖先, 祖宗
4. vulnerable /vʌlnərəbəl/ *adj.* 脆弱的, 易受.....伤害的

【理解透思】

The text is mainly about _____.

A.rapid changes in Earth' s temperature

B.a disappearing country affected by rising sea levels

C.moving of a country to a new place

D.reasons for lowland flooding

答案:B



走进新课 一起读文

[词汇新知]

一、单词英汉互译

1.graph / ˈgrɑːf/ *n.* 图;图表;曲线图

2.melt /melt/ *vi. & vt.* (使)融化;熔化;软化

3.starve /stɑːv/ *vi. & vt.* (使)挨饿;饿死

4.ecology /iˈkɒlədʒi/ *n.* 生态;生态学

5.release /rɪˈliːs/ *vt. & n.* 排放;释放;发布

6.carbon /kɑːbən/ *n.* 碳

7.sustain /səˈsteɪn/ *vt.* 维持;遭受;承受住

8. fuel /fju:əl/ *n.* 燃料;刺激性言行
9. comprehensive /kɒmprɪ'hensɪv/ *adj.* 全部的;所有的;详尽的
10. trend /trend/ *n.* 趋势;趋向;动向
11. frequently /fri:'kwəntli/ *adv.* 频繁地;经常
12. broadcast /brɔ:dk ɪst/ *vt. & vi.* 播送;广播;传播 *n.* 广播节目;电视节目
13. policy /pɒləsi/ *n.* 政策;方针;原则
14. restrict /rɪ'strɪkt/ *vt.* 限制;限定;束缚
15. seize /si:z/ *vt.* 抓住;夺取;控制

二、短语英汉互译

- 1.along with 和.....一起
- 2.have an impact on 对.....有影响
- 3.be trapped in 陷于;被困在.....
- 4.not only...but also... 不仅.....而且.....
- 5.seize every opportunity 抓住每一个机会

[阅读理解]

一、阅读课文“CLIMATE CHANGE REQUIRES THE WORLD’S ATTENTION”,判断正(T)误(F)

1. According to the expert, the polar bear was starved to death. (T)
2. Climate change has affected Earth’s ecology. (T)
3. The greenhouse effect is only caused by humans. (F)
4. Reducing greenhouse gas is everyone’s responsibility. (T)
5. We don’t know whether the rise in temperature has led to an increase in extreme weather. (F)

二、阅读课文“CLIMATE CHANGE REQUIRES THE WORLD’S ATTENTION”,选择正确的答案

1. Why did the polar bear travel to Norway’s Arctic island of Svalbard?

A. To look for their partners.

B. To enjoy the beautiful scenery.

C. To find enough food.

D. To give birth to babies.

答案:C

2. Which of the following is NOT the result of climate change?

- A. Greenhouse gases. B. Extreme rainstorms.
C. Extreme heatwaves. D. Economic increase.

答案:D

3. How many common meanings of the “greenhouse effect” according to climate scientists?

- A. Three. B. Two.
C. One. D. Four.

答案:B

4. This article is probably from _____.

A. an environmental magazine

B. a diary

C. a novel

D. a story

答案:A

三、仔细阅读课文“CLIMATE CHANGE REQUIRES THE WORLD’S ATTENTION”,并根据课文内容将短文补充完整

There is enough evidence 1. that Earth is getting warmer and warmer. According to an expert 2. who/that has studied polar bears for many years, the bear found on Norway’s Arctic island of Svalbard appeared 3. to have starved (starve) and died. This alarming case showed how the increase in temperature had an impact 4. on Earth’s ecology. The “natural” greenhouse effect can make Earth 5. sustain (sustain) life. 6. However, the “man-made” greenhouse effect has now become a

big problem, **7. causing** (cause) Earth's surface temperature to rise quickly. Climate scientists have warned that if we don't take appropriate **8. actions** (action), this warming trend will probably continue. It is our **9. responsibility** (responsible) to seize every opportunity to educate everyone about **10. global** (globe) warming.



阅读鉴赏 一起思考

1. There is little doubt that Earth is getting warmer and warmer(see the graph).(Page 26)

毫无疑问,地球正变得越来越温暖(如图)。

剖析 There is little doubt that... “毫无疑问.....”,其中的that引导同位语从句。

There is no doubt that this candidate' s advantage lies in his ability to communicate with foreigners in English.

毫无疑问,这位候选人的优势在于他用英语与外国人交流的能力。

There is little doubt that John' s quick thinking and the first aid skills saved Mary' s life.

毫无疑问,约翰的敏捷思维和急救技能挽救了玛丽的生命。

【合作探究】

读一读·细观察

阅读下列句子,写出句中黑体部分的含义

① **There is some doubt whether** he is the best man for the job.

含义 _____

② **I doubt whether/if** he will continue to work here.

含义 _____

③ **I don't doubt that** he will win the competition.

含义 _____

记一记·长知识

doubt既可以做名词,又可以做动词,在肯定句中常接whether/if引导的从句(同位语从句中只用whether),在否定句和疑问句中常接that引导的从句。

【即学即用】

单句语法填空

- ① We have no doubt that they can complete the task on time.
- ② I doubt whether/if she will pass the driving test tomorrow.

翻译句子

- ③ There is no doubt that the man isn't easy to get along with because he is such a stubborn man.

答案:毫无疑问,这个人不好相处,因为他是个如此固执的人。

- ④ I don't doubt that you are honest.

答案:我相信你是诚实的。

2.An expert who has studied polar bears for many years said that from the position of its dead body,the bear appeared to have starved and died.(Page 26)

一位长期研究北极熊的专家说,从尸体的姿势看,这只北极熊像是饿死的。

★**starve vi.&vt.**(使)挨饿;饿死

Millions of people are **starving** now in the poor areas in the world.

现在,世界上贫困地区的数以百万计的人们正在挨饿。

At that time people would **starve** if food was difficult to find.

在那个时代,如果食物难以找到,人们就会挨饿。

They got lost in the desert and **starved** to death.

他们在沙漠中迷了路,饿死了。

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