

Identifying Key Issues

Instructions: Read the article “Everything you need to know about the Paris climate summit and UN talks.” Use the information from the article to answer the following questions with your partner.

1. How many countries will be attending COP 21 in Paris?

2. What is the aim of the agreement that countries plan to produce at the conference?

3. When do current commitments on reducing greenhouse gas emissions run out?

4. Give two examples showing that progress has already been made on coming to an international agreement on climate change.
 - a.

 - b.

5. Why does the article call the COP in Copenhagen a “landmark”?

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 - a. The United States has already committed to reduce its emissions by _____ by the year _____.

 - b. In your own words, explain China’s emissions commitment.

 - c. The article points out that some countries have not come up with emissions targets. Which country does it use as an example?

Name: _____

7. In addition to a commitment from wealthy countries to reduce emissions, what else do poor countries want from the agreement?

8. Write a one- or two-sentence summary on why the Conference is important. (Hint: It may help to refer to the third paragraph in the article. You can also refer to the videos and other outside information.)

9. What do you think will be three key issues at stake in the climate change talks in Paris?

a.

b.

c.