

DID YOU KNOW?

1 Look at this picture about a film called 'The Day After Tomorrow'.



Now read the text.

Climate change

In the disaster movie, 'The Day After Tomorrow', we see some of the terrible results of extreme climate change. In six days, a massive change of climate transforms the world. Millions of people are killed and hundreds of millions of people lose their homes. In New York there is a tidal wave. In Los Angeles there are huge tornadoes. The whole of Europe is covered by four metres of snow. But can these things really happen?



Most scientists think that the extreme events in the film are not possible. 'The film breaks the laws of physics!' says Mike Hulme, Director of Climate Change Research at the University of East Anglia, Britain. But many scientists believe that the film makes people think more seriously about climate change.

Some scientists think that climate change is very alarming. They say that Britain is getting warmer every year and that temperatures have risen 0.6°C in the last 140 years. Other scientists say that this increase in temperature is part of the Earth's natural cycle of very warm and very cold periods.

Scientists all agree everyone must think and learn about the Earth, the Sun and climate change. Then we can be sure that many of the terrible events in 'The Day After Tomorrow' will never happen.

2 Are these questions true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Most scientists think that the events in 'The Day After Tomorrow' are possible.
- 2 All scientists are very worried about climate change.
- 3 All scientists agree that temperatures have risen 0.6°C since the 1860s.

3 Have you noticed any changes in the climate in your country? What have you seen on TV?