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Photo of Joshimath. Photo credit: wikimedia commons.



Photo of Sharon Ringo. Photo credit: Sharon Ringo



Vocabulary

<i>Word</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Synonym</i>
impassable	(of a road, an area, etc.) impossible to travel on or through, especially because it is in bad condition or it has been blocked by something	
nestle	to be located in a position that is protected, sheltered or partly hidden	
tranquility	the state of being quiet and peaceful	serenity
crumble	if a building or piece of land is crumbling, parts of it are breaking off	deteriorate
subsidence	the process by which an area of land sinks to a lower level than normal, or by which a building sinks into the ground	
demolish	to pull or knock down a building; to destroy something	destroy, tear down
rehabilitation	the process of returning a building, place or area of activity to its previous good condition	
livelihood	a means of earning money in order to live	to make a living
viable	that can be done; that will be successful	feasible
converge	to move towards each other and meet at a point	to meet
quasar	a large object like a star, that is far away and that shines very brightly and occasionally sends out strong radio signals	
vast	extremely large in area, size, amount, etc.	huge
makeshift	used temporarily for a particular purpose because the real thing is not available	provisional, improvised
unseasonal	not typical of or not suitable for the time of year	
showcase	to present somebody's abilities or the good qualities of something in an attractive way	display, exhibit
dynamics	the way in which people or things behave and react to each other in a particular situation	
advocate	to support something publicly	supporter

Sources: <https://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com> and <https://www.merriam-webster.com>



Content questions

You can find the same questions, but with multiple choice options, in [this quiz](#).

India: is the town of Joshimath on solid ground?

16. What has caused the cracks in roads and houses?
17. The government was warned by experts not to do these three things.
18. What is the phenomenon called?
19. Why are locals not happy about the government's suggestion to rehabilitate?
20. The government's three-year plan is to make Joshimath an example of what?

Australia: a discovery in space

21. Where can you find a quasar?
22. How much brighter is a quasar compared to our sun?

Kenya: teacher sets a record

23. Which subject was Rose Tata Wekesa teaching when she set the record for the longest ever lesson?
24. How long did the lesson last?

Music clip

25. Circle whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE
 - a. The band is called Mrs. TRUE/FALSE
 - b. They are from Canada. TRUE/FALSE
 - c. The song is called Packs. TRUE/FALSE
 - d. A sauna was used as a recording booth. TRUE/FALSE

Tanzania: shines a light on climate change

11. What caused 68 people to die in December?
12. Sharon was recently appointed an important position. Which?
13. How many trees does the Sharon Ringo Foundation plan to plant in the next five years?
14. How many trees have they planted so far?
15. In what way does Sharon's father say her work has changed him?

Language points

An antonym is a word that means the opposite of another word. Look at the sentences below and choose the antonym of the underlined word. You can read more about antonyms here: <https://www.grammarly.com/blog/antonym/>

16. Many houses are collapsing and some roads have become impassable.
 - a. passable
 - b. unpassable
 - c. repassable

17. The quiet town of Joshimath is nestled in the Himalayan foothills.
 - a. loud
 - b. unquiet
 - c. lively

18. The Indian government recently approved a plan for the recovery and reconstruction in Joshimath.
 - a. ratified
 - b. rejected
 - c. confirmed

19. Her organisation inspires young people to love and protect the environment.
 - a. discourages
 - b. encourages
 - c. stimulates

20. Thanks to the support from her family, Sharon has become a positive influence.
 - a. confident
 - b. favorable
 - c. negative

Discussion points

Climate change

In today's program we learnt about the town of Joshimath and how climate change in combination with human impact has caused buildings and roads to crack. As much as 60 to 70% of the residential area has been labelled a 'danger zone', meaning that the inhabitants in these areas need to be relocated. A second news segment concerned the effect of climate change in Tanzania, where 68 people lost their lives in December. 13-year-old Sharon Ringo is a climate activist and founder of a foundation trying to counter some of the effects on the environment by planting trees.

- Have you noticed any signs of climate change where you live? If yes, what have you noticed? If no, do you think there will be changes to your area in the future?
- Have you ever been to a country where the effects of climate change were more visible, such as in the town of Joshimath or the city of Dar es Salaam? If yes, what was it like?
- There are several ways in which you can contribute in the fight against climate change, such as thinking about what you buy, where it comes from, how it is produced and transported, how you travel and what you eat. Have you yourself taken any steps to try and help the climate? If yes, what steps have you taken? If no, would you be willing to?

Teachers' note

Questions for working with the photos on page 1:

Choose one of the photos. Imagine the photo is a scene in a movie.

- What is the atmosphere?
- What music would be playing if the movie was rolling?
- Who is the person in the middle of the photo? How old is she/he? What is his/her/she occupation? Is he a family person? What is his/her role in the movie?
- What would be the title of the movie?
- What would you say is going to happen if we push the 'play' button?
- How will the movie end?

KEY

1. Decades of heavy construction and climate change.
2. Blasting, building and digging.
3. Land subsidence.
4. The rehabilitation land is far away and remote.
5. Ecological sustainability.
6. In the centre of galaxies.
7. 500 trillion times.
8. Science.
9. 62 hours 33 minutes and 34 seconds.
10. a. FALSE
b. TRUE
c. FALSE
d. TRUE
11. Rainfall.
12. Tourist ambassador.
13. 10 million.
14. 49 thousand.
15. He realises the significance of trees and the environment.
16. a. passable
17. c. lively
18. b. rejected
19. a. discourages
20. c. negative