

## Activities

### Crisis? – What crisis?

A1

Yesterday two leading environmental experts released conflicting reports on the state of the environment.

#### **The key findings of Professor Field's report were that:**

- The world's population is continuing to grow, creating huge problems.
- Fossil fuels are running out at an alarming rate and petrol will soon be a luxury.
- Solar and wind power will be no help, as the weather cannot be relied on in the UK.
- We all face a rather bleak and depressing future.

#### **The key findings of Professor Ladroite's report were that:**

- There is more food grown today than at any time in history, and fewer people are starving.
- There are signs that renewable energy sources will be able to replace fossil fuels.
- Most people care about the environment, and are willing to make changes to their lifestyles.
- The future is challenging, but we should be optimistic.

#### **Activity 1**

- **A press conference is being held for the two teams that helped the Professors do their research.**
- **Your team of three will be one of the research teams.**
- **You will need to prepare to answer questions from journalists, who either do not understand the issue or will suggest another viewpoint.**
- **Can you think of what they might ask you about?**
- **One team from the class will need to act as members of the press.**
- **Prepare for the press conference using Interactive Sheets and Research Links.**
- **The press conference will last ten minutes, with each team given equal time to speak. Which will be reported as the team with most of the right answers?**