Get Up & Goals: Speaking Up with Shakespeare

GRETA THUNBERG:
This is not a drill.
My name is Greta Thunberg.
We are living in the beginning of a mass extinction.
Our climate is breaking down.
Children like me are giving up their education to protest.
But we can still fix this. You can still fix this.
To survive, we need to stop burning fossil fuels, but this alone will not be enough.
Lots of solutions are talked about, but what about a solution that is right in front of us?
I'll let my friend George explain.

GEORGE MONBIOT:
There is a magic machine that sucks carbon out of the air, costs very little, and builds itself.
It's called…a tree.
A tree is an example of a natural climate solution.
Mangroves, peat bogs, jungles, marshes, sea beds, kept forests, swamps, coral reefs;
They take carbon out of the air, and lock it away.
Nature is a tool we can use to repair our broken climate.
These natural climate solutions could make a massive difference.

GRETA THUNBERG:
Pretty cool, right?

GEORGE MONBIOT:
But only if we also leave fossil fuels in the ground.

GRETA THUNBERG:
Here's the crazy part.
Right now, we are ignoring them.
We spend 1000 times more on global fossil fuel subsidies than on natural based solutions.

GEORGE MONBIOT:
Natural climate solutions get just 2% of all the money used on tackling climate breakdown.

GRETA THUNBERG:
This is your money. It is your taxes, and your savings.

GEORGE MONBIOT:
Even more crazy: right now, when we need nature the most, we are destroying it faster than ever.

GRETA THUNBERG:
Up to 200 species are going extinct every single day.

GEORGE MONBIOT:
Much of the arctic ice is gone.
Most of our wild animals have gone.
Much of our soil has gone.

GRETA THUNBERG:
So what should we do?

GEORGE MONBIOT:
What should you do?

GRETA:
It's simple. We need to protect, restore, and fund.
Protect.
Tropical forests are being cut down at the rate of 30 football pitches a minute.

GEORGE:
Where nature is doing something vital, we must protect it.

GRETA:
Restore. Much of our planet has been damaged.

GEORGE:
But nature can regenerate, and we can help ecosystems bounce back.

GRETA:
Fund.

GEORGE:
We need to stop funding things that destroy nature, and pay for things that help it.

GRETA:
It is that simple. Protect, restore, fund.

GEORGE:
This can happen everywhere. Many people have already begun using natural climate solutions.
We need to do it on a massive scale.

GRETA:
You can be part of this.

GEORGE:
Vote for people who defend nature.

GRETA:
Share this video. Talk about this.

GEORGE:
All around the world there are amazing movements fighting for nature. Join them!

GRETA:
Everything counts. What you do counts.GRETA THUNBERG:
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