

Clues for Greta Thunberg

1. Born in 2003 in a country where the winters are long and the summers are short and has more islands than any other country in the world.
2. Diagnosed with Asperger syndrome which she calls her “Superpower” because it allows her to put so much focus and energy into a single problem.
3. Her mother is a well-known opera singer while her father is a writer and actor. Her sister Beata is three years younger. She likes horses, dogs, playing the piano and ballet.
4. Nominated twice for the Nobel Peace Prize which is given to an individual who works to help make the world a better place. Also, Time magazine featured her on their cover and named her “Person of the Year “2019.
5. Had difficulty in school because of her Asperger’s condition which caused her to speak softly and often not answering her classmates’ questions. She spoke only when it was absolutely necessary. Some of her classmates considered her snobby.
6. Had a distant relative Svante Arrhenius who in the 1800’s was among the first to explain the Greenhouse Effect and predicted global warming.
7. For two weeks sailed with her father to New York City on the Malizia, a sleek gray 60-foot racing boat, which gets its electricity from solar panels and travels harnessing the wind with its sails.
8. First became interested in the environment at the age of 8 after watching a film in school, inspiring her to read many books on the subject.

9. At the age of 15 and barely 5 foot tall with ponytails she stood in front of Parliament with a sign which read “School Strike for Climate”. Few joined her until she posted on social media, contacted newspapers, and television and then her strike started to grow in other towns in Sweden and other cities in Europe.

10. Invited in January 2019 to speak at a prestigious conference in Davos Switzerland attended by world leaders who talked about problems threatening the global economy. Her four-minute speech filled with sincerity, passion and honesty captured the audience who stood and applauded led by Bono.

11. Eight months later Greta spoke before the United Nations an organization of almost all the nations in the world whose mission is to prevent wars from breaking out and help with emergencies such as a natural disaster and or the outbreak of diseases.

12. Her name is pronounced (Toon-berg). Once she said “you are never too small to make a difference”