

THE DAY  
FIND YOUR VOICE



# NEWS DETECTIVES

## TODAY'S NEWS STORY

### Fierce row over UN's £240bn climate deal

#### KEYWORDS

- ☐ **Summit:** Meeting of important people
- ☐ **Climate change:** Heating up of the Earth
- ☐ **Fossil fuels:** Dirty energy sources like coal
- ☐ **Renewable energy:** Clean energy sources like wind



#### BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

COP29 was a meeting of governments organised by the United Nations. It ended last week after agreeing a deal to help developing countries tackle climate change. But some people say that the agreement does not provide as much money as developing countries need.

A step forward to solving climate change, or unfair to developing countries? Experts have differing views about the recent COP29 climate **summit**.

#### Hard bargain

The negotiations took place in Baku, Azerbaijan, over two weeks. At the end, rich countries agreed to give developing countries £240 billion to help them tackle **climate change**.

This money will help them move from **fossil fuels** to

**renewable energy** and deal with the effects of climate change. Developing countries are often the hardest hit by global warming.

#### Positive progress...?

US President Joe Biden says that the deal puts the world "one significant step closer" to tackling climate change.

The aim of the yearly COP talks is to try to limit average global temperatures to 1.5C above pre-industrial levels, when fossil fuels

were not widely used.

#### ... or dodgy deal?

£240 billion sounds like a lot, right? Not so fast. It has been criticised as "too little, too late" by the African Group of Negotiators. Charities have also said it is not enough.

Developing countries say that the true amount needed is \$1.3 trillion. And the charity Action AidUK has said that the amount agreed is "a drop in the ocean". Who do you think is right?





# INVESTIGATION OF THE DAY

SHOULD RICH COUNTRIES PAY EVEN MORE?

**WHAT**  
did the Cop29  
summit agree?

**WHO**  
said the summit  
was a step  
forward?

**WHERE**  
was the  
summit?

**WHEN**  
was the  
summit?

**WHY**  
are COP  
summits  
held each year?

**HOW**  
much money  
do developing  
countries say is  
needed?

## 1 TAKE ACTION

Did you know that some countries have caused global warming more than others? Learn about the countries that have contributed the most and least to the problem. Do you think this means some countries should be less responsible for solving the problem? Think about both sides of the argument!



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## 2 SHARE YOUR IDEAS

What have you found out in your investigation? Write, present or even record a piece that compares the two sides of the argument. Share what you've learned with your family and friends. What do they think? We want to hear your ideas too! Your teacher can share your reports with us too by sending them to [editorial@theday.co.uk](mailto:editorial@theday.co.uk).

## 3 Build THE Change



### CREATE YOUR DESIGN

Developing countries say they will use the money given by rich countries to tackle climate change. So how can countries become more sustainable? Generate more clean energy? Plant more trees?

#### STEP 1:

Think about your design!  
What should they spend the £240 billion on? Wind turbines? Solar panels? Something else?

#### STEP 2:

Build the change!  
Create a model wind turbine or solar panel! Why not use LEGO® bricks or recycled craft materials to built it.

**Share your genius**  
Show your work  
to your class!



Upload a photo of your work to the **Build the Change** gallery by scanning the QR code and have your work displayed to inspire real-world change.



## 4 BUILDER OF THE WEEK

Every week we handpick one of the most inspirational designs from our online photo gallery to be our **BUILDER OF THE WEEK**. To get your creation featured here, ask your grown-up to take a photograph and upload it to our Build the Change gallery, using the QR code on this page.



This week we have a solar powered vehicle to improve car emission and energy use.

**"GREAT WORK!"**



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