

Interview for Climate Change

Students interviewed elderly persons who have lived in our area, Perea, since childhood. The aim of the interview is to investigate and find out if there are changes in our area and if they are because of climate change. Here are their answers:

1. Has this area (Perea) changed since you were young? If yes, how?

Interview 1: *Perea used to be a village with old houses with gardens, no blocks of flats at all. There were no roads and people used to come in the 60's and 70's here by boat for a swim in the sea.*

Interview 2: *It has changed a lot and they have built new buildings.*

Interview 3: *A lot has changed here in Perea.*

2. Have buildings replaced farms, fields and forests?

Interview 1: *Yes they have. Now there are blocks of flats.*

Interview 2: *Yes, of course. The forests were destroyed by the farmers.*

Interview 3: *Farms have been replaced by big apartment buildings, banks and shops.*

3. Were there any plants and animals then that you rarely or never see nowadays? If yes, which ones?

Interview 1: *There were scorpions because of the vineyards.*

Interview 2: -

Interview 3: *There were in Ano Perea (an area of Perea)*

4. Has the population changed? How? (More or less people living here now)

Interview 1: *The population has changed. More people live here now.*

Interview 2: *It has increased.*

Interview 3: *It has changed and there is a larger population.*

5. Did you hunt, fish or forage (e.g. fruit, mushrooms, greens) when you were young? Can you still do it today? Is it the same?

Interview 1: *No, I didn't. I don't think you can do it now.*

Interview 2: *No, I have never been hunting or fishing. Only once I went looking for pomegranates.*

Interview 3: *I fished but I didn't hunt. You can still fish.*

6. Have you noticed a difference in the sea level at the beach? If yes, how?

Interview 1: *Yes, the sea has pulled in. (It's further in)*

Interview 2: *I haven't noticed.*

Interview 3: *Back in those days I used to dive from the jetty but now the sea has pulled in.*

7. Are there any rivers or streams in Perea? Are they different now from when you were young? (Has the flow changed? Is there more water, less water, dried up, dirtier, cleaner?)

Interview 1: *There used to be a lot of streams. Now, there are blocks of flats.*

Interview 2: *There are streams and they are dry.*

Interview 3: -

8. Do you believe that nowadays summers are hotter and winters are warmer than when you were a kid?

Interview 1: *Yes, they are.*

Interview 2: *Yes, the summers and winters are warmer.*

Interview 3: *Yes, of course.*

9. Do you believe there is global warming?

Interview 1: *Yes, there is and this is the reason the seasons have changed.*

Interview 2: *Yes, I believe in global warming.*

Interview 3: *Of course, since all the forests have been burnt.*

The student journalists who carried out these interviews are:

Interview 1: Mary

Interview 2: Natalia

Interview 3: Teo