

Where's the snow?



to go on strike means:

- A: to stop work
- B: to start a fire
- C: to go bowling
- D: to have a snack

to expect means:

- A: to choose
- B: to take
- C: to teach
- D: to think

to spark means:

- A: to draw
- B: to sleep
- C: to start
- D: to turn

climate means:

- A: friends who climb together
- B: a small group of countries
- C: the weather of an area over time
- D: food grown by farmers

1. What is FFF short for?

2. Who went on strike?

3. Why did they strike?

4. In how many countries did people strike?

5. How many people were expected to strike?

6. Which country is Greta Thunberg from?

7. In which year did she start her solo protest?

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