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Climate emergency



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Feifei

Hello and welcome to The English We Speak with me, Feifei...

Roy

...and me, Roy.

Feifei

I'm very impressed, Roy. I saw you doing some recycling earlier! And is that a reusable bag?

Roy

Yes, I'm saving the world one bag at a time! I was reading an article about the climate emergency that our world is facing.

Feifei

Ahhh so, you found the article I left on your desk. I thought you'd find it interesting and it might help you to become more of an eco-warrior like me. I am Super Feifei – Queen of Recycling and you can be my helper, Roybot.

Roy

What?! You've given yourself a superhero name and called me Roybot! Why am I the helper?

Feifei

Because you're not as cool as me – plus someone needs to fight this climate emergency.

Roy

Right, well if giving yourself a superhero name encourages you to help the planet, I support you Super Feifei! Why don't we talk about some other ways we can fight the climate emergency?

Feifei

Indeed we will, Roybot – right after these examples...

Examples

We need to do more to tackle the climate emergency.

Scientists have declared a climate emergency in response to the melting ice caps.

We have taken up recycling in order to fight the climate emergency.

Feifei

This is The English We Speak from BBC Learning English and we're talking about the expression 'climate emergency', which relates to the environmental problems our planet is facing.

Roy

Well, we've already talked about using reusable bags and recycling, but what about investing in renewable energy sources such as wind and solar?

Feifei

Yes, I have solar panels on my roof to power my superhero base.

Roy

Also, cutting down your meat consumption can really help. I am vegetarian, but just a reduction of the amount of meat you eat can help in the battle against the climate emergency.

Feifei

And what about cycling, that's much better instead of using cars or taxis.

Roy

I thought as a superhero you might be able to fly.

Feifei

No, I'm trying to reduce my fumes by not flying. Cycling for me. Bye Roybot!

Roy

Bye.