

# Earth Hour

## Before you watch

### 1 Match the cities with the countries.

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| 1 Rio de Janeiro | a Finland      |
| 2 Bangkok        | b China        |
| 3 Shanghai       | c Greece       |
| 4 Christchurch   | d China        |
| 5 Cairo          | e New Zealand  |
| 6 Helsinki       | f Peru         |
| 7 Riga           | g Indonesia    |
| 8 Athens         | h Thailand     |
| 9 Hong Kong      | i Vietnam      |
| 10 Jakarta       | j Latvia       |
| 11 Lima          | k South Africa |
| 12 Cape Town     | l Egypt        |
| 13 Sydney        | m Brazil       |
| 14 Lausanne      | n Philippines  |
| 15 Hanoi         | o Switzerland  |
| 16 Manila        | p Australia    |

2 In 2009, all of the cities in exercise 1 took part in Earth Hour, a global event to raise awareness of climate change. What kind of action do you think they took?

## While you watch

3 Watch the video and check your answers to exercises 1 and 2.

4 Complete the quotes using the words in the box.

global highlight landmarks legislation participation  
statement together voice

- 1 'Some of Australia's most famous \_\_\_\_\_ were plunged into darkness.'
- 2 '... as part of a dramatic message on \_\_\_\_\_ warming.'
- 3 '... tonight almost 4,000 cities and towns, making a \_\_\_\_\_ ...'
- 4 '... plunging themselves into darkness to help \_\_\_\_\_ climate change.'
- 5 'Across the world, people from all walks of life coming \_\_\_\_\_ to vote for planet earth.'
- 6 '... Hundreds of millions of people from countries all over the planet speaking with one \_\_\_\_\_, saying now is the time.'
- 7 '... is to push for a really meaningful national \_\_\_\_\_'
- 8 'It's 8.29pm and I'm about to count you down to the world's largest mass \_\_\_\_\_ event ever.'

5 Use the numbers to complete the statements.

18 2009 4,000 2.2 million 50 million 1 billion

- 1 In 2007, \_\_\_\_\_ people across Sydney switched off their lights.
  - 2 \_\_\_\_\_ people switched off their lights in the second year.
  - 3 On March 28th \_\_\_\_\_, the people of the world made their voice heard.
  - 4 Over \_\_\_\_\_ cities across 88 countries took part.
  - 5 \_\_\_\_\_ of the G20 countries took part.
  - 6 Earth Hour reached over \_\_\_\_\_ people worldwide.
- 6 Make a list of all the landmarks and famous places you remember from the video.

### After you watch

7 Read the message from UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon and answer the questions. 'Earth Hour is a way for the citizens of the world to send a clear message – they want action on climate change.'

- 1 Do you think Earth Hour is a good way to send a message to world leaders?
- 2 Do you think it has an affect on the decisions world leaders make?
- 3 Will you be taking part in Earth Hour this year?

8 Talk about a global, national or local event that you have participated in. Explain what happened during the event, what you did, and how you felt.

### Glossary

**highlight** (*verb*) - to make something easier to see

**legislation** (*noun*) - a law

**participation** (*noun*) - the process of taking part in something

**plunge into** (*verb*) - to suddenly get into a state

**statement** (*noun*) - a public announcement on an important subject

**from all walks of life** (*phrase*) - people with different backgrounds, jobs etc