





## International News

### Al Gore Wins the Nobel Peace Prize

On October 12<sup>th</sup> it was announced by the Norwegian Nobel **Committee** that Al Gore and the Intergovernmental **Panel** on Climate Change would be awarded this year's Nobel Peace Prize. The committee gave them the prize "for their efforts to build up and **disseminate** greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the **foundations** for the **measures** that are needed to **counteract** such change." The honor comes as no surprise to the many people who support Gore's tireless efforts to increase public awareness and help solve the problem of global warming which he claims is the single biggest **threat** facing our planet.

Al Gore, a **former** United States **senator** and the Vice President under Bill Clinton, understood the dangers of climate change long before it became a **political** hot-potato, holding **congressional hearings** on environmental issues in the late 1970s. His 2006 **documentary** film *An Inconvenient Truth* clearly showed the effects that climate change is having on our planet. The film, based on a **multimedia presentation** that Gore had been personally giving to interested groups of people for years, not only was a huge success at the **box office** but also went on to win many awards including the 2007 Oscar for best documentary.

While two **sitting** U.S. Presidents, Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson, and one former U.S. President, Jimmy Carter, have received the Nobel Peace Prize, Gore is the first sitting or former Vice President to be awarded the honor. The prize itself will be presented at an official ceremony in Oslo, Norway on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Gore has said he will **donate** his half of the cash award, valued at **approximately** US\$750,000, to the **Alliance** for Climate Protection, an organization that is working to solve the planet's climate **crisis**.

1. According to the passage, which of the following statements is **FALSE**?  
 (A) Al Gore plans to give away half of the money that he will receive for winning the Nobel Prize.  
 (B) Before Al Gore, no sitting or former U.S. Vice President had won the Nobel Peace Prize.  
 (C) Al Gore is very popular with people who are concerned about the effects of climate change on our planet.  
 (D) Al Gore served as both a senator and U.S. Vice President, but was never the U.S. President.
2. What can we infer from the passage?  
 (A) Al Gore plans to make many more documentary films.  
 (B) Roosevelt, Wilson and Carter were all concerned about climate change.  
 (C) The value of the Nobel Prize is about US\$1,500,000.  
 (D) Al Gore was one of the greatest Vice Presidents in American history.
3. Al Gore shares his Nobel Prize with \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A) The Alliance for Climate Protection  
 (B) The Norwegian Nobel Committee  
 (C) The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change  
 (D) The makers of *An Inconvenient Truth*



Before You Read

1. the Norwegian Nobel Committee: 挪威諾貝爾委員會  
 the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC): 跨政府氣候變遷委員會  
 the Alliance for Climate Protection: 氣候保護聯盟
2. *An Inconvenient Truth*: 《不願面對的真相》, 這部電影是史上賣座第三名的政治性紀錄片, 這是一部關於全球暖化問題的電影, 內容包含高爾的演講和他的多媒體投影片。

## Vocabulary and Idioms

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| 1. committee [kə'mɪtɪ] n. 委員會           | 11. congressional hearings [kən'grɛʃənəl 'hɪrɪŋz] n. 國會聽證會 |
| 2. panel ['pænl] n. 討論小組; 審查小組          | 12. documentary [ˌdɒkjə'mɛnt(ə)rɪ] n. 紀錄片                  |
| 3. disseminate [dɪ'sɛmɪˌneɪt] v. 散播; 傳布 | 13. multimedia [mʌltɪ'mɪdiə] n. pl. 多媒體                    |
| 4. foundation [faʊn'deɪʃən] n. 基礎       | 14. presentation [ˌprezən'teɪʃən] n. 報告; 呈現                |
| 5. measure ['meɪʒə] n. 措施               | 15. box office [bɒks 'ɒfɪs] n. 票房                          |
| 6. counteract [ˌkaʊntə-'ækt] v. 對抗; 抵銷  | 16. sitting [sɪtɪŋ] adj. 現任的; 在位的                          |
| 7. threat [θret] n. 威脅                  | 17. donate ['dɒneɪt] v. 捐贈                                 |
| 8. former ['fɔrmə] adj. 前任的; 以前的        | 18. approximately [ə'prɒksəmətɪli] adv. 大約                 |
| 9. senator ['senətə] n. 參議員             | 19. alliance [ə'laɪəns] n. 聯盟                              |
| 10. political [pə'lɪtɪkəl] adj. 政治的     | 20. crisis ['kraɪsɪs] n. 危機                                |

## Patterns

**While two sitting U.S. Presidents, Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson, and one former U.S. President, Jimmy Carter, have received the Nobel Peace Prize, Gore is the first sitting or former Vice President to be awarded the honor.**

在本句中, while 表「雖然」(although) 的意思。以下是幾種常見的用法:

- (1) while = when 當  
 ⇨ Kevin fell asleep while he was driving. (Kevin 在開車時睡著了。)
- (2) while = at the same time as 與……同時  
 ⇨ While Mother was cooking dinner, we were playing basketball in the yard.  
 (媽媽在煮晚餐的同時, 我們在院子裡打籃球。)
- (3) while 表示對比或相反的狀況  
 ⇨ I like black coffee while she prefers it with cream. (我喜歡喝黑咖啡, 而她卻偏愛咖啡加奶精。)
- (4) while = although 雖然  
 ⇨ While I apologized, it didn't mean that I was the only one to blame.  
 (雖然我道歉了, 但並非表示我是唯一一個該被責備的人。)

## Translation

### 高爾榮獲諾貝爾和平獎

10 月 12 日, 挪威諾貝爾委員會宣布, 高爾及聯合國組織下的「跨政府氣候變遷委員會」(IPCC) 將共同獲頒諾貝爾和平獎。委員會頒給他們這個獎項, 「因為他們不遺餘地增進及傳布更多有關於人為造成氣候變遷的知識, 及建立抵抗氣候變遷所需採取措施的基礎。」這項榮譽對於許多支持高爾的人而言並不意外, 因為他致力於增進大眾意識並幫助解決他宣稱地球所面臨最大的威脅——全球暖化。

艾爾·高爾, 是美國前任參議員及柯林頓政府任內的副總統, 他早在氣候變遷的危險成為政治的燙手山芋之前, 就意識到這項危機, 並在 1970 年代晚期, 舉行國會的聽證會, 探討環境議題。他在 2006 年拍攝的紀錄片《不願面對的真相》中, 清楚地刻劃出氣候變遷對地球所造成的影響。這部片以高爾個人多年來, 向許多對此議題有興趣的團體所做的多媒體簡報為依據, 不僅票房亮麗, 更進一步為他贏得很多獎項, 包括 2007 年奧斯卡金像獎的最佳紀錄片。

雖然有兩位美國任內總統, 羅斯福及威爾遜, 和卸任的總統卡特, 曾獲得諾貝爾和平獎, 高爾是第一位贏得這項殊榮的任內或卸任的副總統。這個獎項在 12 月 10 日挪威的奧斯陸正式頒獎典禮中頒發。高爾已經表示要將獲得的那一半獎金, 約 750,000 美金, 捐給致力於解決地球暖化危機的機構——「氣候保護聯盟」。

## Answer

- (1) A (2) C (3) C