

### **Background Information**

The Kyoto protocol, established in 1997, will set targets for greenhouse gas emissions, if the countries responsible for over 55% of global emissions agree.

Australia and the U.S.A. refused to sign the protocol. It was therefore critical that Russia, which emits 17% of the world's emissions of Greenhouse Gases, should sign the protocol. Otherwise it would not be valid.

Kyoto\_background.txt

Kyoto\_countries.txt

### **Useful News Reports**

Russia\_BBC\_1.txt

Russia\_BBC\_2.txt

Russia\_MoscowTimes.txt

Blair\_BBC.txt

### **Other evidence**

Russian\_minutes\_english.pdf

Bush\_Kyoto\_letter.txt

### **Exercise**

For Russia, the UK, the USA and China, consider all the reasons why, or why not, your country may or may not want to sign the protocol.



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