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**Greta Thunberg, 16, of Sweden, addresses the Climate Action Summit in the United Nations General Assembly at the U.N. headquarters on Monday. "Right now is where we draw the line," she told the gathering.**

## Teen activist blasts world leaders

This is an abbreviated transcript of the speech given by climate change activist Greta Thunberg, 16, of Sweden, to the United Nations Climate Action Summit in New York on Monday:

*"This is all wrong. I shouldn't be up here. I should be back in school on the other side of the ocean. Yet you all come to us young people for hope. How dare you!"*

*"You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words. And yet I'm one of the lucky ones. People are suffering. People are dying. Entire ecosystems are collapsing. We are in the beginning of a mass extinction, and all you can talk about is money and fairy tales of eternal economic growth. How dare you!"*

*"For more than 30 years, the science has been crystal clear. How dare you continue to look away and come here saying that you're doing enough, when the politics and solutions needed are still nowhere in sight?"*

*"You say you hear us and that you understand the urgency. But no matter how sad and angry I am, I do not want to believe that. Because if you really understood the situation and still kept on failing to act, then you would be evil. And that I refuse to believe."*

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*"How dare you pretend that this can be solved with just 'business as usual' and some technical solutions? ..."*

*"There will not be any solutions or plans presented ... you are still not mature enough to tell it like it is."*

*"You are failing us. But the young people are starting to understand your betrayal. The eyes of all future generations are upon you. And if you choose to fail us, I say: We will never forgive you."*

*"We will not let you get away with this. Right here, right now is where we draw the line. The world is waking up. And change is coming, whether you like it or not."*