



Theme sheet · 13 October 2026

Speakers' Corner 2.0 · The Shakespeare · 19:30 theme round

Climate change — what is changing where you live, and what are you doing about it? *Klimawandel — was verändert sich bei dir, und was tust du?*

Keep it close to home. Not the whole planet — your garden, your street, your summer, your bills, your habits. You do not need to be an expert, and nobody has to feel guilty. *Bleib nah am eigenen Leben: dein Garten, deine Straße, dein Sommer, deine Gewohnheiten.*

Useful words	Auf Deutsch
climate change / global warming	<i>Klimawandel / Erderwärmung</i>
heatwave / drought / flood / storm	<i>Hitzewelle / Dürre / Hochwasser / Sturm</i>
the weather used to be ... / it's getting ...	<i>früher war das Wetter ... / es wird immer ...</i>
to heat / heat pump / insulation	<i>heizen / Wärmepumpe / Dämmung</i>
electric car / public transport / to cycle	<i>E-Auto / ÖPNV / Rad fahren</i>
to save energy / to waste / to recycle	<i>Energie sparen / verschwenden / recyceln</i>
carbon footprint / emissions	<i>CO2-Fußabdruck / Emissionen</i>
to give up (flying, meat) / to cut down on	<i>verzichten auf / reduzieren</i>
it's worth it / it's not worth it	<i>es lohnt sich / es lohnt sich nicht</i>
I'm sceptical about ... / I'm convinced that ...	<i>ich bin skeptisch bei ... / ich bin überzeugt, dass ...</i>

Questions for the table:

- What was different about this summer compared to when you were a child?
- Has the Ruhr, the Hengsteysee or your garden changed in the last ten years?
- What is one thing you have changed at home — and one thing you refuse to change?
- Is it the job of governments, companies, or people like us? Or all three?
- Are you optimistic or pessimistic — and why?

Sentences you can start with:

- “When I was young, the summers were ... ”
- “Last year we had ... for the first time.”
- “At home, we've started to ... ” / “We still ... , and I don't feel bad about it.”
- “I think the biggest problem is ... ” / “Honestly, I think it's exaggerated / underestimated because ... ”
- “What would change your mind?”

Your notes — three words you want to use tonight, one thing you want to say:

Next time: Tuesday, 10 November 2026 — theme to be announced. Ideas welcome at the bar or via info@the-shakespeare.pub.