

# Today I am the President!

By Team Gem

# Our Story (With Dialogue)



George:

As a two person group we have decided to make Emmy president and me First Gentleman.

George: How does it feel to be president for a day?

Emmy: Well I haven't really done much...

George: Well.. I can help!

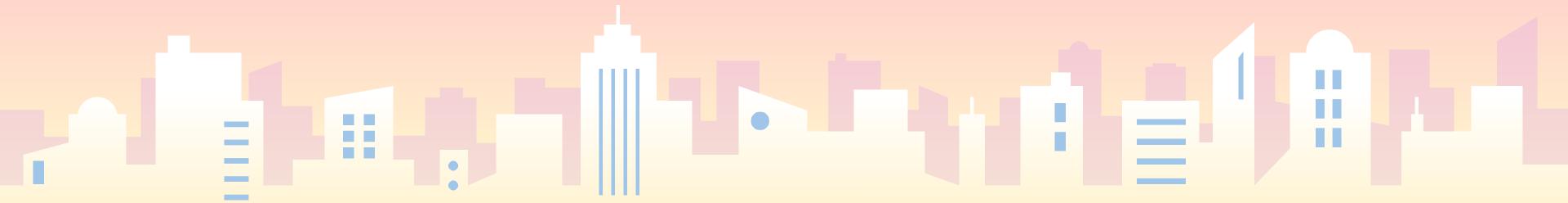
Emmy: Okay! Lets see...



Emmy:

I feel so powerful being the first female president!

Wow!...Anyways, we have decided to do a few things for us being in office...





# Ban Straws!

George: By banning straws and providing access to alternatives such as reusable metal straws with rubber tips, less plastic will need to be produced. Companies may need to invest in these alternatives, however, they will save money over time due to the straws now being reusable

**Even if you're not a big straw drinker, the problem is undoubtedly huge — according to an estimate by the National Park Service, Americans use millions of straws every single day. As more attention is paid to the issue thanks to celebrity campaigns and horrific videos, like the one of a sea turtle with a straw stuck in its nose, companies and cities have taken strides to reduce the amount of straws used each day.**

<https://www.delish.com/food-news/a22130147/plastic-straw-ban/>

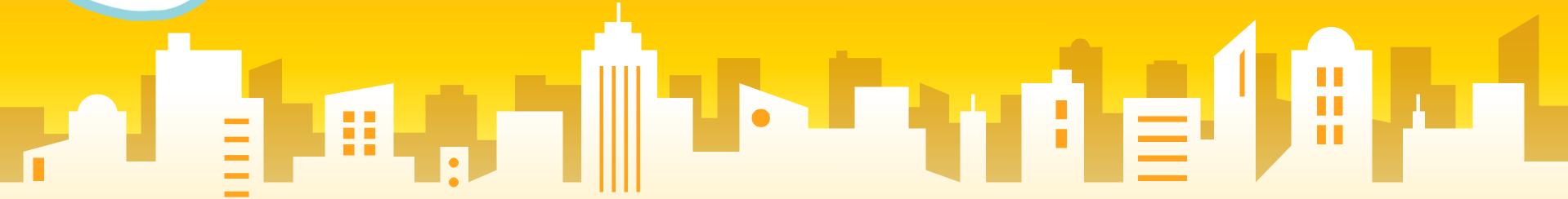


Emmy: So the idea here is to get people to bring their own bag when purchasing groceries! Taxing plastic bags will help get people to think "Oh man I should just buy a cloth bag then having to pay a lot extra overtime buying plastic bags."



## Plastic Bag Tax

"The fewer bags we use, the fewer we can lose, the fewer we can put into the environment. If we all work together towards a better environment, we can make changes. A lot of people live in doom, but... don't give up yet." -Thomas Maes



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*We're showing that there's no excuse  
for other nations to come together,  
both developed and developing, to  
achieve a strong global climate  
agreement next year.*

-Barack Obama

# Change the Ocean Policy

Emmy: I heard that our President Trump change the ocean policy, which now also people to dump things into the ocean. That is so not cool! Poor ocean I hope they are doing okay ): Beach are getting more dangerous to swim in and out of my beaches in New Jersey are telling people to "Swim at your own risk". That is scary!



"Our U.S. ocean policy has really changed from one that was focused on stewardship of our valuable and vulnerable ocean life to resource use and extraction," says Alison Chase, senior policy analyst in the Oceans Division for the Natural Resources Defense Council. In January, following an energy-focused EO, the administration announced plans to open nearly all of the United States coastline for offshore oil and gas drilling. It would make an unprecedented 90 percent of the outer continental shelf available for leasing.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/2018/07/news-ocean-policy-indigenous-sustainability-fisheries-industry-economy-marine/>





# Think Positive!

“By educating the next generation of women leaders about climate change we help ensure a better Smith and a better world.” – Kathleen McCartney

# Every High School Must Be Educated!

Emmy: The project Green Challenge is a great way to educate people about being green and sustainability, but school should also provide that. With school educating their students about being green and climate change it will help for future generation to become more aware and built for a sustainable future.



Several fundamental aspects of climate change make clear both the need for education and the opportunity it offers. First, addressing climate change will require action at all levels of society, including individuals, organizations, businesses, local, state, and national governments, and international bodies. It cannot be addressed by a few individuals with privileged access to information, but rather requires transfer of knowledge, both intellectually and affectively, to decision-makers and their constituents at all levels. Second, education is needed because, in the case of climate change, learning from experience is learning too late. The delay between decisions that cause climate change and their full societal impact can range from decades to millennia. As a result, learning from education, rather than experience, is necessary to avoid those impacts.

<http://environmentalscience.oxfordre.com/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780199389414.001.0001/acrefore-9780199389414-e-56>



# Personally Recycling Bottles

**George:** With a resurgence of personally recycled bottles, there would be much less plastic being created, processed, and wasted. Not only could it help reduce waste but would cost less to produce.

Waste charity Wrap said the environmental benefit is difficult to decipher. "For glass to be the better environmental option from a carbon perspective, our research shows that any bottle needs to be reused at least 20 times," a spokesperson explained.

"Less than that and the lifecycle carbon footprint would be greater than for plastic. In practice, glass bottles survive being reused around 18 times."

Industry body DairyUK said it could not be certain of the return of the milkman and a glass-bottled pint, even though this anecdotal uplift was good news.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/business-43724314>



# Time is Up!

- Emmy: Well that was fun
- George: Yh, I glad we changed this up, I wish we had more time
- Emmy: Me too
- George: We could have a halloween party and do the annual easter egg hunt!
- Emmy: That would be so much fun!!!
- George: and look for all the secret room!