

Paul Gilding: The Earth is Full (www.ted.com)

Below I've noted some interesting vocabulary from the video. Notice that the talk seems to follow a "problem, effects, solutions" format.

The earth is full (context and problems):

draw a conclusion
in financial terms
go into debt
margin for error
our economy is unsustainable
economic growth
demand on resources
essential to our society
deliver benefits
solve complex problems
solve poverty
keep social stability
bend the rules
the basic practical and economic foundations of our lives
a knowledge-based economy
a life of abundance
the urgency of change
global emissions
growing inequality

8.26: How will we react? (effects):

the future is uncertain
likely to happen
out of control
conflict over food and water
collapsing governments
face a threat
things will get ugly (informal expression)

12.25: It takes a good crisis to get us going (response / solutions):

capable of extraordinary things
eliminate net CO2 emissions
proven technology
affordable cost
achieved remarkable things
lead decent, meaningful and satisfying lives
choose the right path
build a society