Wendy Cope: The Concerned Adolescent

**Pre-reading**

1. Match the following words with the definitions below:

abundant – adolescent – bedecked – concerned – disco – doomed – galaxy –

light bulb – meadows – orbit – pollute – reject

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| **Definition** | **Word** |
| a young person who is developing into an adult |  |
| the Milky Way |  |
| a path described by one body in its revolution around another |  |
| decorated |  |
| the glass part that fits into an electric lamp to give light |  |
| refuse to accept, consider, submit to, take for some purpose, or use |  |
| marked by great plenty |  |
| condemned |  |
| worried |  |
| grassland |  |
| nightclub for dancing to live and recorded music |  |
| contaminate, make unclean |  |

**Post-reading**

1. a. The speaker in the poem was called a concerned adolescent. What would you call Greta Thunberg if you had one adjective and one noun at your disposal? Why? Here are some suggestions, feel free to add words of your own.

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| **Adjective** | **Noun** |
| angry  compassionate  condemning  confrontational  critical  disappointed  idealistic  insistent  judgemental  livid  moralizing  perseverant  patronizing  responsible | alarmist  being  child  climate activist  fanatic  female  girl  human  idealist  person  romantic  teenager  visionary  young woman |