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## **Level 5**

# **July was hottest month in recorded history**

**19th August, 2016**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1608/160819-hottest-month-5.html>

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1608/160819-hottest-month-5.html>

July was officially the hottest month on Earth since scientists started recording the planet's temperatures 136 years ago. America's National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) revealed that: "July 2016 was absolutely the hottest month since the instrumental records began." It beat the previous hottest July, which was in 2011, by 0.11 degrees Celsius. Scientists say this is a serious rise. According to NASA, July was the tenth straight month of record-breaking temperatures. The year 2016 could now become the hottest year on record.

The website gizmodo.com stated that July could be the hottest month since prehistoric times: "In all likelihood, it was the hottest month since the last interglacial period ended 125,000 years ago." A meteorology expert said: "It's a little alarming...that we're going through these records like nothing this year." The organization Climate Central reported that the record temperatures are because of fossil fuels and El Niño. However, Australian politician Malcolm Roberts recently said climate change was a conspiracy theory and accused NASA of corrupting climate change data.

Sources: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/capital-weather-gang/wp/2016/08/16/july-was-absolutely-earths-hottest-month-ever-recorded/>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1608/160819-hottest-month-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. July was officially              | a. breaking temperatures |
| 2. recording the planet's           | b. rise                  |
| 3. since the instrumental records   | c. temperatures          |
| 4. It beat the previous             | d. on record             |
| 5. Scientists say this is a serious | e. began                 |
| 6. July was the tenth               | f. the hottest month     |
| 7. record-                          | g. straight month        |
| 8. the hottest year                 | h. hottest July          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. the hottest month since      | a. ended 125,000 years ago |
| 2. In all                       | b. alarming                |
| 3. the last interglacial period | c. fuels                   |
| 4. a meteorology                | d. likelihood              |
| 5. It's a little                | e. theory                  |
| 6. fossil                       | f. prehistoric times       |
| 7. a conspiracy                 | g. climate change data     |
| 8. accused NASA of corrupting   | h. expert                  |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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July was (1) \_\_\_\_\_ month on Earth since scientists started recording the planet's (2) \_\_\_\_\_ years ago. America's National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) revealed that: "July 2016 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ hottest month since the instrumental records began." It (4) \_\_\_\_\_ hottest July, which was in 2011, by 0.11 degrees Celsius. Scientists say (5) \_\_\_\_\_. According to NASA, July was the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of record-breaking temperatures. The year 2016 could now become the hottest year on record.

The website gizmodo.com stated that July could be the hottest month since (7) \_\_\_\_\_: "In all likelihood, it was the hottest month since the last (8) \_\_\_\_\_ ended 125,000 years ago." A meteorology expert said: "It's (9) \_\_\_\_\_ ...that we're going through these (10) \_\_\_\_\_ this year." The organization Climate Central reported that the record temperatures are (11) \_\_\_\_\_ fuels and El Niño. However, Australian politician Malcolm Roberts recently said climate change was a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and accused NASA of corrupting climate change data.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOTTEST MONTHS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1608/160819-hottest-month-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about hottest months in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.  
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

