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**Level 0 – 28th July, 2019**

## Arctic wildfires visible from space

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190728-arctic-wildfires-0.html>

There are hundreds of fires all across the Arctic Circle, in Greenland, Siberia, Scandinavia and Alaska. Smoke is visible from space. The Arctic is warming twice as fast as anywhere on Earth. It is also having its worst wildfire season ever. In Alaska, there are 400 fires out of control. People say the fires are unheard of in history.

The fires could affect global warming. A scientist said: "Temperatures in the Arctic have been increasing at a much faster rate than the global average. Warmer conditions encourage fires to grow." Dry ground, lightning and strong winds are spreading the fires. The fires are releasing CO2 and killing animals.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-49125391>  
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/jul/26/unprecedented-more-than-100-wildfires-burning-in-the-arctic-in-worst-ever-season>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190728-arctic-wildfires-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. There are hundreds               | a. fast          |
| 2. all across the                   | b. from space    |
| 3. Smoke is visible                 | c. ever          |
| 4. The Arctic is                    | d. Earth         |
| 5. twice as                         | e. Arctic Circle |
| 6. anywhere on                      | f. warming       |
| 7. having its worst wildfire season | g. of control    |
| 8. there are 400 fires out          | h. of fires      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                      |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. The fires could affect            | a. to grow        |
| 2. increasing at a much              | b. releasing CO2  |
| 3. the global                        | c. global warming |
| 4. Warmer conditions encourage fires | d. animals        |
| 5. Dry                               | e. faster rate    |
| 6. strong winds are spreading        | f. ground         |
| 7. The fires are                     | g. average        |
| 8. killing                           | h. the fires      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190728-arctic-wildfires-0.html>

There are (1) \_\_\_\_\_ all across the Arctic Circle, in Greenland, Siberia, Scandinavia and Alaska.

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ from space. The Arctic

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ as fast as anywhere on Earth. It is also

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ wildfire season ever. In Alaska, there

are 400 fires (5) \_\_\_\_\_.

People say the fires are unheard (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The (7) \_\_\_\_\_ global warming. A scientist said:

"Temperatures in the Arctic (8) \_\_\_\_\_ at a much

faster rate than (9) \_\_\_\_\_.

Warmer conditions encourage (10) \_\_\_\_\_." Dry ground, lightning and

(11) \_\_\_\_\_ spreading the fires. The fires are

releasing (12) \_\_\_\_\_ animals.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# THE ARCTIC SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1907/190728-arctic-wildfires-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the Arctic 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) \_\_\_\_\_

