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Arctic Circle sees highest-ever temperatures

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THE READING

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Meteorologists have found an indication of global warming being in full swing. There were record temperatures in the Arctic Circle on Saturday. The mercury reached 38° Celsius in the town of Verkhoyansk. The town holds the world record for the greatest temperature range on Earth. It varies from a low of minus 68°C to a high of 37.3°C. The record heat is 18 degrees higher than usual. The Arctic Circle has had a heatwave for much of this year. This is ringing alarm bells with climatologists. They say the Arctic Circle is warming at twice the rate of the global average.

An atmosphere scientist said he was very worried about rising temperatures. He told the BBC: "Year-on-year temperature records are being broken around the world....It is unsurprising to see records being broken in this region. We will see more of this in the near future." A professor said: "This is a warning message from the Earth itself. We ignore it at our peril." Scientists say higher temperatures in Siberia could accelerate global warming. Melting permafrost in Siberia is increasing alarming levels of carbon dioxide and methane into the atmosphere.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. global warming being in | a. alarm bells |
| 2. The mercury | b. heat |
| 3. varies from a low | c. full swing |
| 4. record | d. the global average |
| 5. 18 degrees | e. reached 38° Celsius |
| 6. The Arctic Circle has had a | f. higher than usual |
| 7. This is ringing | g. heatwave |
| 8. twice the rate of | h. of minus 68°C |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. he was very worried about | a. in the near future |
| 2. Year-on-year temperature records | b. our peril |
| 3. We will see more of this | c. of carbon dioxide |
| 4. This is a warning message from | d. rising temperatures |
| 5. We ignore it at | e. in Siberia |
| 6. accelerate global | f. the Earth itself |
| 7. Melting permafrost | g. are being broken |
| 8. increasing alarming levels | h. warming |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Meteorologists have (1) _____ of global warming being in full swing. There were record temperatures in the Arctic Circle on Saturday. (2) _____ 38° Celsius in the town of Verkhoyansk. The town holds the world record for the greatest (3) _____ Earth. It varies from a (4) _____ 68°C to a high of 37.3°C. The record heat is 18 degrees higher than usual. The Arctic Circle has had a heatwave for much of this year. This is (5) _____ with climatologists. They say the Arctic Circle is warming at (6) _____ of the global average.

An atmosphere scientist said he was very (7) _____ temperatures. He told the BBC: "Year-on-year temperature records are (8) _____ the world....It is unsurprising to see records being broken (9) _____. We will see more of this in the near future." A professor said: "This is (10) _____ from the Earth itself. We ignore it (11) _____." Scientists say higher temperatures in Siberia could accelerate global warming. Melting permafrost in Siberia is increasing (12) _____ carbon dioxide and methane into the atmosphere.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GLOBAL WARMING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200626-arctic-circle-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about global warming 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) _____

