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Level 4 – 20th March 2023

Climate change extends allergy season

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2303/230320-allergies-4.html>

Not everyone likes the joys of spring. Many people love looking at flowering blossoms, but others hate it. This is because pollen from flowers bring allergies like hay fever. Scientists have warned hay fever sufferers that spring arrived up to four weeks early. The symptoms of pollen is already causing misery. To make things worse, the hay fever season will be longer. The scientists said this was not surprising, "given the trajectory our planet is on".

Meteorologists are blaming climate change. A U.S. weather tracker said the winter's average temperature was 2.7 degrees warmer than the 20th century average. A meteorologist said climate change is resulting in earlier and longer flowering seasons, causing more pollen. She called pollen "the enemy" of allergy sufferers. Pollen can also trigger asthma attacks and worsen mold allergies. Acting on climate change will help people's health.

Sources: <https://news.yahoo.com/allergy-season-starts-earlier-now-thanks-to-climate-change-171913889.html>
<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2023/mar/15/allergy-season-starting-earlier-global-heating-climate-change>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. everyone likes the joys | a. worse |
| 2. flowering | b. planet is on |
| 3. allergies like | c. blossoms |
| 4. pollen is already causing | d. misery |
| 5. To make things | e. hay fever |
| 6. the hay fever season | f. not surprising |
| 7. The scientists said this was | g. of spring |
| 8. the trajectory our | h. will be longer |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Meteorologists are blaming | a. average |
| 2. A U.S. weather | b. attacks |
| 3. the winter's average | c. tracker |
| 4. warmer than the 20th century | d. of allergy sufferers |
| 5. longer flowering | e. temperature |
| 6. She called pollen "the enemy" | f. on climate change |
| 7. Pollen can also trigger asthma | g. climate change |
| 8. Acting | h. seasons |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Not everyone likes the (1) _____. Many people love looking (2) _____, but others hate it. This is because pollen from flowers (3) _____ hay fever. Scientists have warned hay fever sufferers that spring arrived up to four weeks early. The (4) _____ is already causing misery. To make things worse, the (5) _____ will be longer. The scientists said this was not surprising, "(6) _____ our planet is on".

Meteorologists are blaming climate change. A U.S. (7) _____ the winter's average temperature was 2.7 degrees warmer than the (8) _____. A meteorologist said climate change is (9) _____ and longer flowering seasons, causing more pollen. She called pollen the (10) _____ sufferers. Pollen can also trigger asthma (11) _____ mold allergies. (12) _____ change will help people's health.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ALLERGIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about allergies 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) _____

