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**Level 3 – 20th July 2023**

## UN says extreme heat is the new normal

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230720-heatwaves.html>

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# THE ARTICLE

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A spokesperson for the United Nations warned of the need to cut greenhouse gas emissions. He said: "Extreme weather is increasing in frequency in our warming climate. It is having a major impact on human health...and water supplies." He added: "We have to step up efforts to help society adapt to what is unfortunately becoming the new normal." The European Travel Commission said the extreme heat is making holidaymakers change their travel plans. People who used to holiday in Spain, Italy and Greece are choosing to go to cooler countries instead. A woman who wanted to "escape the heat" by going to Rome complained that the Italian capital was hotter than her hometown in Texas.

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<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-12309835/Fewer-tourists-plan-visit-Europe-temperatures-soar-heatwave-abandoning-holidays.html>

# WARM-UPS

**1. HEATWAVES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about heatwaves. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

United Nations / extreme temperatures / heatwaves / mercury / heat / the shade / greenhouse gas / climate / health / society / normal / holidaymakers / travel plans

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. CLIMATE CHANGE:** Students A **strongly** believe it's too late to turn climate change around; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. EXTREME WEATHER:** How serious are these examples of extreme weather? What should people do in these situations? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Example	What People Should Do
Heat		
Rain / floods		
Snow		
Wind		
Freezing temperatures		
Dust storm		

**5. NORMAL:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "normal". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. CLIMATE CHANGE:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best ways to reduce climate change at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Turn off lights
- Buy used clothes
- Cycle everywhere
- Drink tap water
- Use buses and trains
- Do not fly
- Eat more vegetables
- Plant trees

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 1. agency      | a. The silver metal in a thermometer that tells us how hot or cold it is.       |
| 2. extreme     | b. How hot or cold something or someone is.                                     |
| 3. frequent    | c. An organization that gives a service for another business, person, or group. |
| 4. mercury     | d. More than enough.  |
| 5. temperature | e. Very severe or serious.  |
| 6. shade       | f. Occurring or done many times at short spaces of time.                        |
| 7. plenty      | g. The darker part of the ground that is outside direct sunlight.               |

## Paragraph 2

- |                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| 8. emissions      | h. The city or town that is the heart of government and administration in a country or region. |
| 9. impact         | i. The production and release of something, especially gas or radiation.                       |
| 10. step up       | j. The effect of one thing on another.   |
| 11. holidaymakers | k. As a substitute or alternative to.  |
| 12. instead       | l. People who go on vacation.  |
| 13. escape        | m. Increase the amount, speed, or intensity of something                                       |
| 14. capital       | n. Break free from someone or something.   |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230720-heatwaves.html>

## 1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The UN said extreme temperatures are because of climate change. **T / F**
2. Temperatures in parts of the USA and China were above 52°C. **T / F**
3. Japan has issued a heart alert to old people. **T / F**
4. The UN said the heatwave in Europe could last for another month. **T / F**
5. The UN said people should stop growing vegetables in greenhouses. **T / F**
6. The UN said climate change is having a minor impact on health. **T / F**
7. Fewer tourists are going to Spain because of the heatwaves. **T / F**
8. A woman in Rome said the city was hotter than her hometown in Texas. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <b>warned</b>        | a. sadly          |
| 2. <b>parts</b>         | b. get away from  |
| 3. <b>rose</b>          | c. last           |
| 4. <b>plenty</b>        | d. increased      |
| 5. <b>continue</b>      | e. serious        |
| 6. <b>spokesperson</b>  | f. regions        |
| 7. <b>major</b>         | g. representative |
| 8. <b>unfortunately</b> | h. cautioned      |
| 9. <b>extreme</b>       | i. important      |
| 10. <b>escape</b>       | j. a lot of       |

## 3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. Scientists say climate change is making | a. on human health    |
| 2. the mercury went                        | b. issued heat alerts |
| 3. European countries and Japan have       | c. for another month  |
| 4. They advised people to stay in          | d. the heat           |
| 5. Europe's heatwave could continue        | e. over 50°C          |
| 6. the need to cut greenhouse              | f. help society adapt |
| 7. It is having a major impact             | g. the shade          |
| 8. step up efforts to                      | h. holiday in Spain   |
| 9. People who used to                      | i. gas emissions      |
| 10. wanted to escape                       | j. heatwaves longer   |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230720-heatwaves.html>

The United Nations weather (1) \_\_\_\_\_ has warned that extreme temperatures are "the new normal". Scientists say climate change is making heatwaves longer, hotter and more (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Many countries have been (3) \_\_\_\_\_ record hot weather in the past week. In (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of the USA and China, the mercury went over 50°C (122°F). In Death Valley, California, it was 53.9°C; and in Xinjiang, China, it got up to 52.2°C. In Spain and Italy, the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ rose to 46°C. Many European countries and Japan have issued heat (6) \_\_\_\_\_. They advised people to stay in the shade and drink (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of water. The U.N. weather agency has warned Europe's heatwave could (8) \_\_\_\_\_ for another month.

*alerts*  
*frequent*  
*parts*  
*continue*  
*agency*  
*plenty*  
*experiencing*  
*temperature*

A spokesperson for the United Nations warned of the need to cut greenhouse gas (9) \_\_\_\_\_. He said: "Extreme weather is increasing in frequency in our (10) \_\_\_\_\_ climate. It is having a major impact on human health...and water (11) \_\_\_\_\_." He added: "We have to step up efforts to help (12) \_\_\_\_\_ adapt to what is unfortunately becoming the new normal." The European Travel Commission said the extreme heat is making holidaymakers change their travel (13) \_\_\_\_\_. People who used to holiday in Spain, Italy and Greece are choosing to go to (14) \_\_\_\_\_ countries instead. A woman who wanted to "(15) \_\_\_\_\_ the heat" by going to Rome complained that the Italian (16) \_\_\_\_\_ was hotter than her hometown in Texas.

*plans*  
*emissions*  
*capital*  
*supplies*  
*escape*  
*society*  
*warming*  
*cooler*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230720-heatwaves.html>

- 1) Scientists say climate change is making heatwaves longer, hotter \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and more frequently
  - b. and more frequency
  - c. and more frequented
  - d. and more frequent
- 2) In Spain and Italy, the temperature \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. raise to 46°C
  - b. roses to 46°C
  - c. roads to 46°C
  - d. rolls to 46°C
- 3) Many European countries and Japan have \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. issued head alerts
  - b. issued heat alerts
  - c. issued heart alerts
  - d. issued heath alerts
- 4) They advised people to stay in the shade and drink \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. plenty off water
  - b. plenty of watery
  - c. plenty of water
  - d. plenty of waters
- 5) The U.N. weather agency has warned Europe's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. heatwave could continual
  - b. heatwave could continue
  - c. heatwave could continues
  - d. heatwave could continued
- 6) the United Nations warned of the need to cut \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. greenhouse gas emission
  - b. greenhouse gasses emissions
  - c. greenhouse gassy emissions
  - d. greenhouse gas emissions
- 7) It is having a major impact on human health \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and watery supplies
  - b. and waters supplies
  - c. and water supplies
  - d. and watered supplies
- 8) We have to step up efforts to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. help society adapt
  - b. help society adept
  - c. help society adopt
  - d. help society add up
- 9) A woman who wanted to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. escape a heat
  - b. escape the heat
  - c. escape their heat
  - d. escape there heat
- 10) by going to Rome complained that the Italian \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. capital was heater
  - b. capital was hater
  - c. capital was hotter
  - d. capital was hotly

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230720-heatwaves.html>

The United Nations weather agency has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ temperatures are "the new normal". Scientists say climate change is (2) \_\_\_\_\_, hotter and more frequent. Many countries have been experiencing record hot weather in the past week. In parts of the USA and China, the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ 50°C (122°F). In Death Valley, California, it was 53.9°C; and in Xinjiang, China, it got up to 52.2°C. In Spain and Italy, the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ 46°C. Many European countries and Japan have (5) \_\_\_\_\_. They advised people to stay in the shade and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ water. The U.N. weather agency has warned Europe's heatwave could continue for another month.

A spokesperson for the United Nations warned of the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ greenhouse gas emissions. He said: "Extreme weather is increasing in frequency in our warming climate. It is having a (8) \_\_\_\_\_ human health...and water supplies." He added: "We have to step up efforts to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to what is unfortunately becoming the new normal." The European Travel Commission said the extreme heat is making holidaymakers change (10) \_\_\_\_\_. People who used to holiday in Spain, Italy and Greece are choosing to go to cooler countries instead. A woman who wanted to "(11) \_\_\_\_\_" by going to Rome complained that the Italian (12) \_\_\_\_\_ than her hometown in Texas.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230720-heatwaves.html>

1. What did the UN say is causing the heatwaves?
2. Where did temperatures reach 53.9°C?
3. What did the temperature reach in Spain and Italy?
4. Where did a heat alert advise people to stay?
5. For how long could Europe's heatwave last?
6. What did the UN say we needed to cut?
7. What is extreme weather impacting besides our health?
8. Where are holidaymakers now traveling to?
9. What did a woman want to escape from?
10. Where did a woman say was hotter than her hometown in Texas?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230720-heatwaves.html>

- 1) What did the UN say is causing the heatwaves?
  - a) pollution
  - b) climate change
  - c) fossil fuels
  - d) overpopulation
- 2) Where did temperatures reach 53.9°C?
  - a) Xinjiang, China
  - b) Spain
  - c) Texas
  - d) Death Valley, California
- 3) What did the temperature reach in Spain and Italy?
  - a) 46°C
  - b) 52.2°C
  - c) 53.9°C
  - d) 122°F
- 4) Where did a heat alert advise people to stay?
  - a) on the beach
  - b) at home
  - c) in the shade
  - d) indoors
- 5) For how long could Europe's heatwave last?
  - a) a few months
  - b) another month
  - c) months
  - d) for the rest of the year
- 6) What did the UN say we needed to cut?
  - a) greenhouse gas emissions
  - b) links with oil companies
  - c) ties
  - d) oil pipes
- 7) What is extreme weather impacting besides our health?
  - a) farming
  - b) biodiversity
  - c) water supplies
  - d) diseases
- 8) Where are holidaymakers now traveling to?
  - a) cooler countries
  - b) Antarctica
  - c) areas in their own country
  - d) the mountains
- 9) What did a woman want to escape from?
  - a) the heat
  - b) prison
  - c) her house
  - d) her country
- 10) Where did a woman say was hotter than her hometown in Texas?
  - a) China
  - b) Dallas
  - c) Japan
  - d) Rome

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230720-heatwaves.html>

## **Role A – Turn Off Lights**

You think turning off lights is the best way to ease climate change. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): cycling everywhere, eating more vegetables or planting trees.

## **Role B – Cycling Everywhere**

You think cycling everywhere is the best way to ease climate change. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): turning off lights, eating more vegetables or planting trees.

## **Role C – Eat More Vegetables**

You think eating more vegetables is the best way to ease climate change. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): cycling everywhere, turning off lights or planting trees.

## **Role D – Plant Trees**

You think planting trees is the best way to ease climate change. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): cycling everywhere, eating more vegetables or turning off lights.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230720-heatwaves.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'heat' and 'temperature'.

<b>heat</b>	<b>temperature</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• scientists</li><li>• longer</li><li>• parts</li><li>• over</li><li>• issued</li><li>• plenty</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• cut</li><li>• major</li><li>• step</li><li>• plans</li><li>• cooler</li><li>• escape</li></ul>
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# HEATWAVES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about heatwaves 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.

# HEATWAVES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'heatwave'?
3. What do you think of hot weather?
4. What's the hottest temperature you can be in?
5. What do you think of the heatwaves?
6. What should people do in very hot weather?
7. Why are countries experiencing hotter weather?
8. What's the hottest weather you've experienced?
9. Is boiling hot or freezing cold weather best?
10. What would you do if it was over 50°C outside?

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# HEATWAVES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'weather'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of greenhouse gases?
15. How does extreme weather affect people's health?
16. Have you changed your plans because of hot weather?
17. Do you prefer going to hot or cold countries?
18. Where do you go to 'escape the heat'?
19. Do you like the weather in your country?
20. What questions would you like to ask the UN weather agency?

## DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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A spokesperson for the United Nations warned of the (7) \_\_\_\_ to cut greenhouse gas emissions. He said: "Extreme weather is increasing (8) \_\_\_\_ frequency in our warming climate. It is having a major impact on human health...and water supplies." He added: "We have to (9) \_\_\_\_ up efforts to help society adapt to what is unfortunately becoming the new normal." The European Travel Commission said the extreme heat is making holidaymakers change their travel (10) \_\_\_\_\_. People who used to holiday in Spain, Italy and Greece are (11) \_\_\_\_ to go to cooler countries instead. A woman who wanted to "escape the heat" (12) \_\_\_\_ going to Rome complained that the Italian capital was hotter than her hometown in Texas.

**Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.**

- |     |                |               |                |              |
|-----|----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) waned      | (b) warmed    | (c) weaned     | (d) warned   |
| 2.  | (a) frequently | (b) frequency | (c) frequented | (d) frequent |
| 3.  | (a) silver     | (b) mercury   | (c) helium     | (d) gold     |
| 4.  | (a) height     | (b) boil      | (c) got        | (d) steam    |
| 5.  | (a) hearth     | (b) heart     | (c) heat       | (d) hate     |
| 6.  | (a) plenty     | (b) enough    | (c) sufficient | (d) lot      |
| 7.  | (a) needing    | (b) need      | (c) necessary  | (d) needy    |
| 8.  | (a) in         | (b) at        | (c) of         | (d) by       |
| 9.  | (a) stand      | (b) step      | (c) stair      | (d) ladder   |
| 10. | (a) planes     | (b) plants    | (c) plans      | (d) plus     |
| 11. | (a) chosen     | (b) choice    | (c) choosing   | (d) choose   |
| 12. | (a) as         | (b) at        | (c) for        | (d) by       |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. The United Nations weather cgenya
2. hotter and more freutenq
3. iixcepnengre record hot weather
4. the ptertmareeu rose to 46°C
5. stay in the saedh
6. nncitoeu for another month

## Paragraph 2

7. greenhouse gas smoeisisn
8. having a major tiamcp on human health
9. water upselpsi
10. step up efforts to help syoicte adapt
11. choosing to go to cooler countries eatdisn
12. the Italian apcital

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230720-heatwaves.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) society adapt to what is unfortunately becoming the new normal." The European Travel Commission said the extreme
- ( ) in Xinjiang, China, it got up to 52.2°C. In Spain and Italy, the temperature rose to 46°C. Many European countries
- ( ) by going to Rome complained that the Italian capital was hotter than her hometown in Texas.
- ( ) and Japan have issued heat alerts. They advised people to stay in the shade and drink plenty
- ( ) frequent. Many countries have been experiencing record hot weather in the past week. In parts
- ( ) normal". Scientists say climate change is making heatwaves longer, hotter and more
- ( ) A spokesperson for the United Nations warned of the need to cut greenhouse gas emissions. He said: "Extreme
- ( ) choosing to go to cooler countries instead. A woman who wanted to "escape the heat"
- ( **1** ) The United Nations weather agency has warned that extreme temperatures are "the new
- ( ) of the USA and China, the mercury went over 50°C (122°F). In Death Valley, California, it was 53.9°C; and
- ( ) impact on human health...and water supplies." He added: "We have to step up efforts to help
- ( ) weather is increasing in frequency in our warming climate. It is having a major
- ( ) heat is making holidaymakers change their travel plans. People who used to holiday in Spain, Italy and Greece are
- ( ) of water. The U.N. weather agency has warned Europe's heatwave could continue for another month.

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230720-heatwaves.html>

1. warned It temperatures extreme the normal . new are
2. change is heatwaves climate say longer . making Scientists
3. countries hot experiencing record Many weather . have been
4. people They advised stay shade . to the in
5. continue for heatwave month . Europe's could another
6. gas . need of greenhouse Warned the cut to
7. health . a human on impact major having It's
8. have up to We to help . efforts step
9. travel Extreme holidaymakers making is heat plans . change
10. the to woman A wanted escape heat . who

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230720-heatwaves.html>

The United Nations weather agency has *warned* / *warmed* that extreme temperatures are "the new normal". Scientists say climate change is making heatwaves longer, hotter and more *frequency* / *frequent*. Many countries have been experiencing record *hot* / *heat* weather in the past week. In parts of the USA and China, the mercury went *higher* / *over* 50°C (122°F). In Death Valley, California, it was 53.9°C; and in Xinjiang, China, it got *up* / *high* to 52.2°C. In Spain and Italy, the temperature *rose* / *risen* to 46°C. Many European countries and Japan have issued *heart* / *heat* alerts. They advised people to stay in the *shady* / *shade* and drink *plenty* / *enough* of water. The U.N. weather agency has warned Europe's heatwave could continue for *other* / *another* month.

A spokesperson for the United Nations warned of the *need* / *necessary* to cut greenhouse gas *emission* / *emissions*. He said: "Extreme weather is increasing *in* / *at* frequency in our warming climate. It is having a *major* / *majorly* impact on human health...and water supplies." He added: "We have to step *down* / *up* efforts to help society *adapt* / *adopt* to what is unfortunately becoming the new normal." The European Travel Commission said the extreme heat is making holidaymakers *charge* / *change* their travel plans. People who used to holiday in Spain, Italy and Greece are choosing to go to cooler countries *rather* / *instead*. A woman who wanted to "*escape* / *run* the heat" by going to Rome complained that the Italian *capitalize* / *capital* was hotter than her hometown in Texas.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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a spokesperson for the united nations warned of the need to cut greenhouse gas emissions he said extreme weather is increasing in frequency in our warming climate it is having a major impact on human health and water supplies he added we have to step up efforts to help society adapt to what is unfortunately becoming the new normal the european travel commission said the extreme heat is making holidaymakers change their travel plans people who used to holiday in spain italy and greece are choosing to go to cooler countries instead a woman who wanted to escape the heat by going to rome complained that the italian capital was hotter than her hometown in texas

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. HEATWAVES:** Make a poster about heatwaves. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. FOSSIL FUELS:** Write a magazine article about ending the use of all fossil fuels in the next ten years. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on heatwaves. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to keep safe during a heatwave. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c    2. e    3. f    4. a    5. b    6. g    7. d  
8. i    9. j    10. m    11. l    12. k    13. n    14. h

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 T    2 T    3 F    4 T    5 F    6 F    7 T    8 T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. h	2. f	3. d	4. j	5. c
6. g	7. i	8. a	9. e	10. b

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Climate change
2. Death Valley, California
3. 46°C
4. In the shade
5. Another month
6. Greenhouse gas emissions
7. Water supplies
8. Cooler countries
9. The heat
10. Rome

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. It warned extreme temperatures are the new normal.
2. Scientists say climate change is making heatwaves longer.
3. Many countries have been experiencing record hot weather.
4. They advised people to stay in the shade.
5. Europe's heatwave could continue for another month.
6. Warned of the need to cut greenhouse gas.
7. It's having a major impact on human health.
8. We have to step up efforts to help.
9. Extreme heat is making holidaymakers change travel plans.
10. A woman who wanted to escape the heat.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b    2. d    3. a    4. c    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    9. a    10. d

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)