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Level 1 – 11th July 2024

Past 12 months break extreme heat records

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The world had its hottest year since records began. Every month in the past year was over 1.5 degrees Celsius warmer than pre-industrial averages. The industrial period started around 1850. This is when we started to burn lots of fossil fuel. A climate scientist said there is a "large and continuing shift" in climate change. He warned that new records will be broken, "unless we stop putting greenhouse gases into the atmosphere".

Extreme heat hit many countries this year. In the past year, it was 1.64°C hotter than 200 years ago. Extreme temperatures are everywhere. In Death Valley, it was 53.9°C earlier this week. Meanwhile, Las Vegas broke its heat record with a temperature of 48.9°C. Over 1,000 people died in Saudi Arabia because of the heat. Scientists say we will see more heat-related disasters. A climate scientist said Earth was in crisis.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/article/2024/jul/08/temperatures-1-point-5c-above-pre-industrial-era-average-for-12-months-data-shows>
<https://www.livescience.com/planet-earth/climate-change/the-last-12-months-have-broken-records-like-never-before-earth-exceeds-15-c-warming-every-month-for-entire-year>
<https://theconversation.com/extreme-heat-waves-broiling-the-planet-in-2024-arent-normal-how-climate-change-is-heating-up-weather-around-the-world-234249>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The world had its | a. in climate change |
| 2. since records | b. the past year |
| 3. Every month in | c. around 1850 |
| 4. 1.5 degrees Celsius | d. the atmosphere |
| 5. The industrial period started | e. began |
| 6. burn lots of fossil | f. warmer |
| 7. a large and continuing shift | g. fuel |
| 8. putting greenhouse gases into | h. hottest year |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Extreme heat hit | a. related disasters |
| 2. In the past | b. are everywhere |
| 3. Extreme temperatures | c. of 48.9°C |
| 4. it was 53.9°C | d. year |
| 5. with a temperature | e. crisis |
| 6. because of | f. many countries |
| 7. we will see more heat- | g. earlier this week |
| 8. Earth was in | h. the heat |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The world (1) _____ year since records began.

Every month in the past (2) _____ 1.5 degrees

Celsius warmer than pre-industrial averages. The industrial

(3) _____ 1850. This is when we started to burn

lots of fossil fuel. A climate scientist said there is a "large

(4) _____" in climate change. He warned that

new records will be broken, "(5) _____ putting

greenhouse (6) _____ atmosphere".

Extreme (7) _____ countries this year. In the

past year, it was 1.64°C hotter than (8) _____.

Extreme temperatures are everywhere. In Death Valley, it was

53.9°C (9) _____. Meanwhile, Las Vegas broke

its heat record with (10) _____ 48.9°C. Over

1,000 people died in Saudi Arabia because of the heat. Scientists

say we will see more (11) _____. A climate

scientist said Earth (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GLOBAL TEMPERATURES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240711-global-temperatures-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about global temperatures 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **global temperatures** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
