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France wildfires: City of Bordeaux faces evacuation

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260730-france-wildfires.html>

Extreme heat and wildfires are becoming common across the globe. Europe is experiencing record-breaking temperatures and heatwaves. Many deadly wildfires are currently burning out of control across France and Spain. The biggest and most serious of these is getting close to the southern French city of Bordeaux. The enormous fire is just 8 km from the city's outer limits. More than 2,500 firefighters are battling to keep the fires under control. On Monday, 17,000 residents were evacuated from the city. There are fears that tens of thousands more might have to leave. The "France 24" news site said the city had an "unsettling resemblance to the darkest days of the Covid-19 pandemic" with people wearing masks.

France's National Firefighters Federation said the kind of wildfire outside of Bordeaux has never been seen in France before. A spokesperson said the intense heat has created "fire clouds". NASA dubbed these the "fire-breathing dragon of clouds". They create their own winds, which means the fires suddenly spread in different directions. The firefighters' spokesperson said the fires created by the clouds were almost impossible to put out. He said: "We don't know how the blaze will spread. It is shifting non-stop. We cannot fight it directly." He said his firefighters were in "a David-versus-Goliath scenario". Bordeaux locals are now worrying about the future of their city.

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WARM-UPS

1. WILDFIRES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about wildfires. 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?

extreme heat / wildfires / temperatures / heatwaves / residents / evacuated / masks / firefighters / fire clouds / NASA / dragon / winds / David versus Goliath / the future

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

3. TOO LATE: Students A **strongly** believe it is too late to reverse climate change; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. NATURAL DISASTERS: What do you know about these natural disasters? How can we deal with them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	Dealing with Them
Wildfires		
Heatwaves		
Earthquakes		
Hurricanes		
Floods		
Volcanos		

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

6. EVACUATE: Rank these with your partner. Put the things you would rescue first if you had to evacuate at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Passport
- Warm jacket
- Short-wave radio
- Medicine
- Cash
- Pets
- Water
- Jewellery

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 1. extreme | a. Fighting very hard against something. |
| 2. the globe | b. Times when the weather stays very hot for several days or longer. |
| 3. heatwaves | c. The world. |
| 4. burning | d. A way in which two people or things look alike. |
| 5. battling | e. Very great or very strong. |
| 6. evacuated | f. On fire. |
| 7. resemblance | g. Moved from a dangerous place to a safe place. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 8. intense | h. Given a name or nickname. |
| 9. dubbed | i. Moving or changing position. |
| 10. put out | j. People who live in a particular place. |
| 11. blaze (noun) | k. Made a fire stop burning. |
| 12. shifting | l. A situation that could happen or is happening. |
| 13. scenario | m. A large, strong fire. |
| 14. locals | n. Very strong or very great. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260730-france-wildfires.html>

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

1. The article says wildfires are affecting every country around the globe. **T / F**
2. The article says all European countries have seen record-breaking heat. **T / F**
3. More than 170,000 people have evacuated from Bordeaux. **T / F**
4. The writer says Bordeaux looks like it did during the Covid-19 pandemic. **T / F**
5. France has had these kinds of wildfires before. **T / F**
6. The extreme heat from the wildfire is creating fire clouds. **T / F**
7. Fire clouds can create their own winds which fan the fire. **T / F**
8. A firefighter spokesperson said it was difficult to fight the fire directly. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. extreme | a. nicknamed |
| 2. deadly | b. worrying |
| 3. serious | c. locals |
| 4. enormous | d. made |
| 5. residents | e. chain of events |
| 6. kind | f. hazardous |
| 7. created | g. huge |
| 8. dubbed | h. fire |
| 9. blaze | i. lethal |
| 10. scenario | j. type |

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

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. Extreme heat and wildfires are | a. non-stop |
| 2. Europe is experiencing record- | b. burning out of control |
| 3. deadly wildfires are currently | c. the fires under control |
| 4. firefighters are battling to keep | d. impossible to put out |
| 5. 17,000 residents were | e. about the future |
| 6. the fires suddenly spread | f. becoming common |
| 7. fires created by the clouds were almost | g. evacuated from the city |
| 8. It is shifting | h. versus-Goliath scenario |
| 9. firefighters were in "a David- | i. breaking temperatures |
| 10. locals are now worrying | j. in different directions |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260730-france-wildfires.html>

Extreme heat and wildfires are becoming
(1) _____ across the globe. Europe is
experiencing record-breaking temperatures and heatwaves. Many
(2) _____ wildfires are currently burning out of
control across France and Spain. The biggest and most
(3) _____ of these is getting close to the
southern French city of Bordeaux. The enormous fire is just 8 km
from the city's outer (4) _____. More than 2,500
firefighters are battling to keep the fires under
(5) _____. On Monday, 17,000 residents were
(6) _____ from the city. There are fears that tens
of thousands more might have to leave. The "France 24" news site
said the city had an "unsettling resemblance to the
(7) _____ days of the Covid-19 pandemic" with
people (8) _____ masks.

serious
darkest
control
common
wearing
deadly
evacuated
limits

France's National Firefighters Federation said the
(9) _____ of wildfire outside of Bordeaux has
never been seen in France before. A spokesperson said the
(10) _____ heat has created "fire clouds". NASA
dubbed these the "fire-breathing dragon of
(11) _____. They create their own winds, which
means the fires suddenly spread in different
(12) _____. The firefighters' spokesperson said
the fires created by the clouds were almost
(13) _____ to put out. He said: "We don't know
how the (14) _____ will spread. It is shifting non-
stop. We cannot fight it (15) _____. He said his
firefighters were in "a David-versus-Goliath scenario". Bordeaux
locals are now worrying about the (16) _____ of
their city.

clouds
impossible
kind
directly
directions
future
intense
blaze

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Extreme heat and wildfires are becoming common _____
 - a. across the global
 - b. across the globes
 - c. across the globe
 - d. across a globe
- 2) Many deadly wildfires are currently burning _____
 - a. outer control
 - b. out off control
 - c. out of control
 - d. out of controls
- 3) More than 2,500 firefighters are battling to keep the _____
 - a. fires under control
 - b. fires upper control
 - c. fires udder control
 - d. fires ender control
- 4) There are fears that tens of thousands more might _____
 - a. have to leaving
 - b. have to leaves
 - c. have to left
 - d. have to leave
- 5) resemblance to the darkest days of the Covid-19 pandemic with _____
 - a. people wear ring masks
 - b. people wear in masks
 - c. people wearing mask
 - d. people wearing masks
- 6) which means the fires suddenly spread _____
 - a. in different direction
 - b. in different directions
 - c. in difference directions
 - d. indifferent directions
- 7) fires created by the clouds were almost impossible _____
 - a. to put out
 - b. to put tout
 - c. too put out
 - d. to putter out
- 8) We don't know how the blaze will spread. It is _____.
 - a. shift in not-stop
 - b. shifting non-stops
 - c. shifting non-stop
 - d. shifts in non-stop
- 9) He said his firefighters were in "a David-_____"
 - a. versus-Goliath scenario
 - b. versions-Goliath scenes
 - c. verses-Goliath scenario
 - d. verse is Goliath scenario
- 10) Bordeaux locals are now worrying about the future _____
 - a. off their city
 - b. of there city
 - c. of their city
 - d. offer city

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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(12) _____ about the future of their city.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260730-france-wildfires.html>

1. What does the article say is now common worldwide besides wildfires?
2. How does the article describe temperatures in Europe?
3. How far from Bordeaux's outer city limits is the wildfire?
4. How many Bordeaux residents have left the city because of the wildfire?
5. What did the France 24 website liken Bordeaux during the wildfire to?
6. How many times before has France seen a wildfire like this?
7. What did NASA call clouds made from fire?
8. What do fire clouds create?
9. What is the wildfire doing non-stop?
10. What are Bordeaux residents worried about?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260730-france-wildfires.html>

- 1) What does the article say is now common worldwide besides wildfires?
 - a) drought
 - b) extreme heat
 - c) stronger hurricanes
 - d) more heavy rain
- 2) How does the article describe temperatures in Europe?
 - a) dangerously hot
 - b) scorching
 - c) They are up and down.
 - d) record breaking
- 3) How far from Bordeaux's outer city limits is the wildfire?
 - a) 8 km
 - b) 5 km
 - c) 13 km
 - d) 10 km
- 4) How many Bordeaux residents have left the city because of the wildfire?
 - a) 13,000
 - b) 15,000
 - c) 17,000
 - d) 19,000
- 5) What did the France 24 website liken Bordeaux during the wildfire to?
 - a) hell
 - b) the Covid-19 pandemic
 - c) the end of the world
 - d) an oven
- 6) How many times before has France seen a wildfire like this?
 - a) once
 - b) a few times
 - c) none
 - d) seven times
- 7) What did NASA call clouds made from fire?
 - a) fire-breathing cloud dragons
 - b) fire-clouding dragon breaths
 - c) fire dragons of breathing clouds
 - d) fire-breathing dragon of clouds
- 8) What do fire clouds create?
 - a) their own winds
 - b) furnaces
 - c) ovens
 - d) solar winds
- 9) What is the wildfire doing non-stop?
 - a) shifting
 - b) exploding
 - c) stopping
 - d) smouldering
- 10) What are Bordeaux residents worried about?
 - a) the price of oil
 - b) the future of their city
 - c) the price of wine
 - d) the future of the planet

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Passport

You think a passport is the first thing you must take if you need to evacuate. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): warm jacket, smartphone or pet.

Role B – Warm Jacket

You think a warm jacket is the first thing you must take if you need to evacuate. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): passport, smartphone or pet.

Role C – Smartphone

You think a smartphone is the first thing you must take if you need to evacuate. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): warm jacket, passport or pet.

Role D – Your Pet

You think your pet is the first thing you must take if you need to evacuate. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): warm jacket, smartphone or passport.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260730-france-wildfires.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'wild' and 'fire'.

wild	fire

- 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:

• common • deadly • close • keep • fears • darkest	• outside • NASA • spread • blaze • shifting • locals
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WILDFIRES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about wildfires 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.

WILDFIRES 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 'wildfire'?
3. How hot is it where you are?
4. What do you think of wildfires?
5. What do you think of the record-breaking temperatures?
6. How can governments stop the spread of wildfires?
7. What would you do if wildfires were near your house?
8. What would you take if you were evacuated?
9. How is the changing climate affecting you?
10. What advice do you have for people near the wildfires?

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WILDFIRES 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 'evacuation'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of firefighting as a job?
15. What do we need to do to live in the changing climate?
16. What will you do if temperatures become really high?
17. What three adjectives best describe this story?
18. Why are firefighters facing a 'David-versus-Goliath scenario'?
19. Have you ever faced a 'David-versus-Goliath scenario'?
20. What questions would you like to ask the firefighters?

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) extreme | (b) extremes | (c) extremely | (d) extremity |
| 2. | (a) in | (b) out | (c) up | (d) down |
| 3. | (a) at | (b) to | (c) of | (d) as |
| 4. | (a) lower | (b) under | (c) upper | (d) under |
| 5. | (a) frightens | (b) scary | (c) fears | (d) terrifies |
| 6. | (a) worn | (b) wearing | (c) wears | (d) wear |
| 7. | (a) kindling | (b) kind | (c) kinder | (d) kindly |
| 8. | (a) dibbed | (b) dubbed | (c) dabbed | (d) dobbed |
| 9. | (a) at | (b) of | (c) in | (d) by |
| 10. | (a) in | (b) up | (c) down | (d) out |
| 11. | (a) shift | (b) shifted | (c) shifts | (d) shifting |
| 12. | (a) locality | (b) locally | (c) local | (d) locals |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. eextrem heat and wildfires
2. becoming common across the geblo
3. record-breaking tesupetamerr
4. the nouormes fire
5. 17,000 residents were edcaeavut
6. the darkest days of the Covid-19 cdpinmae

Paragraph 2

7. the nneetsi heat
8. the fire-breathing dragon of uodslc
9. fires dulyndes spread in different directions
10. We don't know how the eablz will spread
11. We cannot fight it delciytr
12. a David-versus-Goliath carsnieo

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260730-france-wildfires.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () "fire-breathing dragon of clouds". They create their own winds, which means the fires suddenly
- () breaking temperatures and heatwaves. Many deadly wildfires are currently burning out of
- () control across France and Spain. The biggest and most serious of these is getting close
- (**1**) Extreme heat and wildfires are becoming common across the globe. Europe is experiencing record-
- () firefighters are battling to keep the fires under control. On Monday, 17,000 residents were evacuated
- () France's National Firefighters Federation said the kind of wildfire outside of Bordeaux has never been
- () from the city. There are fears that tens of thousands more might have to leave. The "France 24" news site said the city
- () had an "unsettling resemblance to the darkest days of the Covid-19 pandemic" with people wearing masks.
- () put out. He said: "We don't know how the blaze will spread. It is shifting non-
- () seen in France before. A spokesperson said the intense heat has created "fire clouds". NASA dubbed these the
- () spread in different directions. The firefighters' spokesperson said the fires created by the clouds were almost impossible to
- () stop. We cannot fight it directly." He said his firefighters were in "a David-
- () to the southern French city of Bordeaux. The enormous fire is just 8 km from the city's outer limits. More than 2,500
- () versus-Goliath scenario". Bordeaux locals are now worrying about the future of their city.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. and are becoming common Extreme heat wildfires .
2. are burning control currently Deadly of out wildfires .
3. close getting is most of serious The these .
4. are battling control Firefighters fires keep to under .
5. have leave might more of Tens thousands to .
6. clouds created fire has heat intense The .
7. different directions fires in spread suddenly The .
8. created fires impossible out put The to were .
9. blaze don't how know spread the We will .
10. about are future Locals now the worrying the .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260730-france-wildfires.html>

Extreme *heat* / *heaters* and wildfires are becoming common across the globe. Europe is experiencing record-breaking temperatures and heatwaves. Many *deadly* / *dead* wildfires are currently burning out *of* / *to* control across France and Spain. The biggest and most *serious* / *seriously* of these is getting close to the southern French city of Bordeaux. The enormous fire is just 8 km from the city's *otter* / *outer* limits. More than 2,500 firefighters are *battles* / *battling* to keep the fires *under* / *over* control. On Monday, 17,000 residents were evacuated from the city. There are *fears* / *frightens* that tens of thousands *most* / *more* might have to leave. The "France 24" news site said the city had an "unsettling resemblance to the darkest days of the Covid-19 pandemic" with people *worn* / *wearing* masks.

France's National Firefighters Federation said the kind of wildfire outside *at* / *of* Bordeaux has never been seen in France *after* / *before*. A spokesperson said the intense heat *has* / *have* created "fire clouds". NASA dubbed these the "fire-breathing dragon of clouds". They create their own *winds* / *windows*, which means the fires suddenly spread in *difference* / *different* directions. The firefighters' spokesperson said the fires created *up* / *by* the clouds were almost impossible to put *out* / *in*. He said: "We don't know how the blaze will spread. It is shifting non-stop. We cannot fight *them* / *it* directly." He said *this* / *his* firefighters were in "a David-versus-Goliath scenario". Bordeaux *locals* / *locally* are now worrying about the future of their city.

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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_xtr_m_ h__t _nd w_ldf_r_s _r_ b_c_m_ng c_mm_n
_cr_ss th_ gl_b_. __r_p_ _s _xp_r__nc_ng r_crd-
br__k_ng t_mpr_t_r_s _nd h__tw_v_s. M_ny d__dly
w_ldf_r_s _r_ c_rr_ntly b_rn_ng __t _f c_ntr_l _cr_ss
Fr_nc_ _nd Sp__n. Th_ b_gg_st _nd m_st s_r__s _f
th_s_ _s g_tt_ng cl_s_ t_ th_ s__th_rn Fr_nch c_ty _f
B_rd__x. Th_ _n_rm__s f_r_ _s j_st 8 km fr_m th_
c_ty's __t_r l_m_ts. M_r_ th_n 2,500 f_r_f_ght_rs _r_
b_ttl_ng t_ k__p th_ f_r_s _nd_r c_ntr_l. _n M_nd_y,
17,000 r_s_d_nts w_r_ _v_c__t_d fr_m th_ c_ty. Th_r_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260730-france-wildfires.html>

extreme heat and wildfires are becoming common across the globe europe is experiencing recordbreaking temperatures and heatwaves many deadly wildfires are currently burning out of control across france and spain the biggest and most serious of these is getting close to the southern french city of bordeaux the enormous fire is just 8 km from the citys outer limits more than 2500 firefighters are battling to keep the fires under control on monday 17000 residents were evacuated from the city there are fears that tens of thousands more might have to leave the france 24 news site said the city had an unsettling resemblance to the darkest days of the covid19 pandemic with people wearing masks

frances national firefighters federation said the kind of wildfire outside of bordeaux has never been seen in france before a spokesperson said the intense heat has created fire clouds nasa dubbed these the firebreathing dragon of clouds they create their own winds which means the fires suddenly spread in different directions the firefighters spokesperson said the fires created by the clouds were almost impossible to put out he said we dont know how the blaze will spread it is shifting nonstop we cannot fight it directly he said his firefighters were in a davidversusgoliath scenario bordeaux locals are now worrying about the future of their city

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260730-france-wildfires.html>

Write about **wildfires** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260730-france-wildfires.html>

What can we do to reverse climate change. Discuss.

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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. WILDFIRES: Make a poster about wildfires. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. CLIMATE CHANGE: Write a magazine article about all children having climate change courses from elementary school. 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 wildfires. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to prevent them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Extreme heat
2. Record breaking
3. Eight kilometres
4. Seventeen thousand
5. The Covid-19 pandemic
6. None
7. Fire-breathing dragon of clouds
8. Their own winds
9. Shifting
10. The future of their city

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Extreme heat and wildfires are becoming common.
2. Deadly wildfires are currently burning out of control.
3. The most serious of these is getting close.
4. Firefighters are battling to keep fires under control.
5. Tens of thousands more might have to leave.
6. The intense heat has created fire clouds.
7. The fires suddenly spread in different directions.
8. The fires created were impossible to put out.
9. We don't know how the blaze will spread.
10. Locals are now worrying about the future.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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