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## **Level 5**

# **No frying eggs in Death Valley, says park**

**13th July, 2013**

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# THE READING

From [http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1307/130713-fried\\_eggs-5.html](http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1307/130713-fried_eggs-5.html)

The Death Valley National Park has appealed to visitors to stop trying to fry eggs on rocks or the ground. The park has had many people trying to see if it is hot enough to fry an egg, after a park employee posted a video on YouTube of her attempts to do so. The video, temperatures nearing 50°C, and the 100-year anniversary on Wednesday of the hottest place ever recorded, meant many people experimented, with messy results. Park cleaners are now busy cleaning egg shells, egg cartons, and the bad-smelling mess from unsuccessful attempts at a sunny-side up under the sun.

The park told people via Facebook not to fry eggs. They said: "[The] posting of frying an egg in a pan in Death Valley was...to demonstrate how hot it can get..., with the recommendation that if you do this, use a pan or tin foil and properly throw away the contents. However, the...maintenance crew has been busy cleaning up...egg cartons and shells [thrown] across the parking lot." It asked people to put trash in the garbage or recycle bins. Someone on YouTube joked that Saudi Arabia was so hot, "you can throw a chicken in the air and you will catch it cooked".

Sources: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-death-valley-eggs-20130710,0,3404434.story>  
<http://www.nbcnews.com/travel/death-valley-cracks-down-sidewalk-egg-frying-6C10584226>

# MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. appealed                  | a. smelling mess      |
| 2. hot enough                | b. with messy results |
| 3. temperatures              | c. attempts           |
| 4. 100-year                  | d. to visitors        |
| 5. many people experimented, | e. to fry an egg      |
| 6. bad-                      | f. side up            |
| 7. unsuccessful              | g. anniversary        |
| 8. sunny-                    | h. nearing 50°C       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. The park told people | a. hot it can get |
| 2. demonstrate how      | b. crew           |
| 3. tin                  | c. in the garbage |
| 4. maintenance          | d. in the air     |
| 5. across the parking   | e. foil           |
| 6. put trash            | f. via Facebook   |
| 7. recycle              | g. lot            |
| 8. throw a chicken      | h. bins           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Death Valley National Park (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to stop trying to fry eggs on rocks or the ground. The park (2) \_\_\_\_\_ trying to see if it is hot (3) \_\_\_\_\_, after a park employee posted a video on YouTube of (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The video, temperatures nearing 50°C, and the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ on Wednesday of the hottest place ever recorded, meant many people experimented, with messy results. Park cleaners are now busy cleaning egg shells, egg cartons, and the bad-smelling mess from (6) \_\_\_\_\_ a sunny-side up under the sun.

The park told (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to fry eggs. They said: "[The] posting of frying an egg in a pan in Death Valley (8) \_\_\_\_\_ hot it can get..., with (9) \_\_\_\_\_ if you do this, use a pan or tin foil and properly throw away the contents. However, the...maintenance crew has been busy cleaning up...(10) \_\_\_\_\_ [thrown] across the parking lot." It asked people to put trash in (11) \_\_\_\_\_ bins. Someone on YouTube joked that Saudi Arabia was so hot, "you can throw a chicken in the air and (12) \_\_\_\_\_".

# FRIED EGGS SURVEY

From [http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1307/130713-fried\\_eggs-5.html](http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1307/130713-fried_eggs-5.html)

Write five GOOD questions about fried eggs 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<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)

