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## **Level 4** – 3rd June 2024

### **Panama evacuates islanders due to rising sea levels**

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240603-rising-sea-levels-4.html>

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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/2406/240603-rising-sea-levels-4.html>

Residents on Panama's Gardi Sugdub island are leaving because of rising sea levels. They are relocating to the mainland. The government said some people are refusing to leave. They will stay until the last minute. Gardi Sugdub is a sign of things to come. More islands are under threat from being engulfed. A recent study said Panama would lose 2.01 per cent of its coastal territory to rising sea levels. Thousands of people will need to relocate.

Gardi Sugdub has been home to the indigenous Guna people for generations. The tiny island was home to 300 families. Islander Nadin Morales said: "We're a little sad...but the sea is sinking the island." She added: "Climate change has had a major impact....The tide comes to a level it didn't before." Ms Morales hopes her community will prosper in its new location. This is two kilometres from the port from which boats go to Gardi Sugdub.

Sources: <https://www.hrw.org/news/2024/05/29/panama-completes-first-climate-related-relocation>  
<https://apnews.com/article/panama-island-guna-climate-change-f368711649ff6986ea25a79534405a84>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Residents on Panama's        | a. things to come      |
| 2. leaving because of           | b. mainland            |
| 3. relocating to the            | c. territory           |
| 4. some people are              | d. the last minute     |
| 5. They will stay until         | e. threat              |
| 6. a sign of                    | f. Gardi Sugdub island |
| 7. More islands are under       | g. refusing to leave   |
| 8. 2.01 per cent of its coastal | h. rising sea levels   |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. home to the indigenous     | a. it didn't before         |
| 2. The tiny island was home   | b. sinking the island       |
| 3. the sea is                 | c. a major impact           |
| 4. Climate change has had     | d. go to Gardi Sugdub       |
| 5. The tide comes to a level  | e. boats go to Gardi Sugdub |
| 6. her community will prosper | f. Guna people              |
| 7. the port from which boats  | g. in its new location      |
| 8. the port from which        | h. to 300 families          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) \_\_\_\_\_ Gardi Sugdub island are leaving because of rising sea levels. They are relocating (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The government said some people are (3) \_\_\_\_\_. They will stay until the last minute. Gardi Sugdub is a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to come. More islands are under threat from being engulfed. A recent study said Panama would lose 2.01 per cent of (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to rising sea levels. Thousands of people will (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Gardi Sugdub has been home (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Guna people for generations. The tiny (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to 300 families. Islander Nadin Morales said: "We're a little sad...but the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the island." She added: "Climate change has had (10) \_\_\_\_\_....The tide comes to a level it didn't before." Ms Morales (11) \_\_\_\_\_ will prosper in its new location. This is two kilometres (12) \_\_\_\_\_ from which boats go to Gardi Sugdub.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# SEA LEVELS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240603-rising-sea-levels-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about sea levels 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240603-rising-sea-levels-4.html>

Write about **sea levels** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.

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