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Level 5 – 3rd June 2024

Panama evacuates islanders due to rising sea levels

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240603-rising-sea-levels-5.html>

Panama is evacuating residents of the tiny Gardi Sugdub island because of rising sea levels. The island's inhabitants are being relocated to the mainland. A government official said some people are refusing to leave their ancestral home. They will stay until the last minute. The government said Gardi Sugdub is a sign of things to come. Many more islands are under threat from being engulfed. A recent environmental study estimated Panama would lose 2.01 per cent of its coastal territory to rising sea levels. It added that 38,000 people will need to be relocated.

Gardi Sugdub has been home to the indigenous Guna people for generations. The tiny, overcrowded island was home to nearly 300 families. They relied on fishing to make a living. 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. She will soon live in a \$12 million government development. This is two kilometres from the port from which boats go to Gardi Sugdub.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. evacuating residents of the tiny | a. territory |
| 2. The island's inhabitants are | b. ancestral home |
| 3. inhabitants are being relocated | c. to be relocated |
| 4. people are refusing to leave their | d. study |
| 5. under threat from being | e. Gardi Sugdub island |
| 6. A recent environmental | f. to the mainland |
| 7. lose 2.01 per cent of its coastal | g. being relocated |
| 8. 38,000 people will need | h. engulfed |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. home to the indigenous Guna | a. a major impact |
| 2. home to nearly | b. living |
| 3. They relied | c. development |
| 4. make a | d. on fishing |
| 5. the sea is | e. will prosper |
| 6. Climate change has had | f. people for generations |
| 7. Morales hopes her community | g. sinking the island |
| 8. live in a \$12 million government | h. 300 families |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Panama is (1) _____ the tiny Gardi Sugdub island because of rising sea levels. The island's (2) _____ relocated to the mainland. A government official said some people are refusing to leave (3) _____. They will stay until the last minute. The government said Gardi Sugdub is a sign of things to come. Many more islands (4) _____ from being engulfed. A recent environmental study estimated Panama would lose 2.01 per cent of (5) _____ to rising sea levels. It added that 38,000 people will need (6) _____.

Gardi Sugdub has been home (7) _____ Guna people for generations. The (8) _____ was home to nearly 300 families. They relied on fishing to (9) _____. Islander Nadin Morales said: "We're a little sad...but the sea is sinking the island." She added: "Climate change has had (10) _____...The tide comes to a level it didn't before." Ms Morales hopes her (11) _____ in its new location. She will soon live in a \$12 million government development. This is two kilometres from the (12) _____ 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) _____

