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Level 2 – 11th July 2024

Past 12 months break extreme heat records

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The world has had its hottest year since records began. A climate report said every month in the past year was more than 1.5 degrees Celsius warmer than pre-industrial averages. The industrial period started in the mid-nineteenth century. This is when we started to burn lots of fossil fuels. A climate scientist said the results of the report show a "large and continuing shift" in climate change. He warned: "We are bound to see new records being broken as the climate continues to warm...unless we stop putting greenhouse gases into the atmosphere."

Extreme heat has hit many countries this year. Scientists say we will see more heat-related disasters. In the past year, Earth was 1.64°C hotter than 200 years ago. Extreme temperatures are being seen in the USA. In Death Valley, the mercury hit 53.9°C earlier this week. Meanwhile, Las Vegas broke its all-time heat record with a temperature of 48.9°C. In the past year, there have been wildfires, drought and death. In Saudi Arabia, over 1,000 people died on a pilgrimage to Mecca because of the heat. 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>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. since records | a. industrial averages |
| 2. warmer than pre- | b. being broken |
| 3. started in the mid- | c. fuels |
| 4. burn lots of fossil | d. gases |
| 5. a large and continuing | e. nineteenth century |
| 6. We are bound to see new records | f. warm |
| 7. the climate continues to | g. began |
| 8. greenhouse | h. shift |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Extreme heat has | a. of 48.9°C |
| 2. more heat- | b. seen in the USA |
| 3. Extreme temperatures are being | c. crisis |
| 4. the mercury | d. hit many countries |
| 5. a temperature | e. to Mecca |
| 6. wildfires, drought | f. hit 53.9°C |
| 7. a pilgrimage | g. and death |
| 8. Earth was in | h. related disasters |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The world has had its (1) _____ records began. A climate report said every month in the past year was more than 1.5 degrees Celsius warmer (2) _____ averages. The industrial period started in the mid-nineteenth century. This is when we started to burn lots (3) _____. A climate scientist said the results of the report show a "large and continuing (4) _____ change. He warned: "We are bound to see new (5) _____ as the climate continues to warm...unless we stop putting greenhouse (6) _____ atmosphere."

Extreme (7) _____ many countries this year. Scientists say we will see more heat-related disasters. (8) _____ year, Earth was 1.64°C hotter than 200 years ago. Extreme temperatures are (9) _____ the USA. In Death Valley, the mercury hit 53.9°C earlier this week. Meanwhile, Las Vegas broke its all-time heat record (10) _____ of 48.9°C. In the past year, there have been wildfires, (11) _____. In Saudi Arabia, over 1,000 people died on a pilgrimage to Mecca because of the heat. A climate scientist said Earth (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GLOBAL TEMPERATURES SURVEY

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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.
