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Past 12 months break extreme heat records

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THE ARTICLE

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The world has experienced its hottest year since records began. A report from the Copernicus Climate Change Service said every month in the past 12 months broke temperature records. Every month 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 fossil fuels on a large scale. Researcher Carlo Buontempo, director of Copernicus, 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. This is inevitable, unless we stop putting greenhouse gases into the atmosphere and the oceans."

Extreme heat has hit countries across the planet this year. Scientists say we are at the beginning of an era that will see more heat-related disasters. In the past year, Earth was 1.64°C hotter than in pre-industrial times. Extreme temperatures are being seen all across California in the USA. In Death Valley, the mercury hit 53.9° Celsius earlier this week. Meanwhile, Las Vegas broke its all-time heat record. The temperature there reached a scorching 48.9°C. In the past year, countries have recorded extreme heat across all continents. This has caused wildfires, drought and death. In Saudi Arabia last month, over 1,000 people collapsed and died on a pilgrimage to Mecca. Climate scientist Aditi Mukherji said this showed Earth is in crisis.

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WARM-UPS

- **1. GLOBAL TEMPERATURES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about global temperatures. 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?

hottest year / temperature / industrial period / fossil fuels / climate change / oceans / planet / disasters / mercury / extreme heat / wildfires / drought / pilgrimage / crisis

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

- **3. FOSSIL FUELS:** Students A **strongly** believe we should end the use of all fossil fuels within the next 10 years; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.
- **4. RECORDS:** How serious would the breaking of these records be? How would it affect people's lives? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Records Broken	Impact
Heat		
Cold		
Rain		
Wind		
Snow		
Glacier melting		

- **5. FOSSIL FUELS:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "fossil fuels". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.
- **6. CLIMATE CHANGE:** Rank these with your partner. Put the worst effects of climate change at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.
 - Hotter weather
 - Stronger hurricanes
 - More droughts
 - Rising oceans

- Loss of species
- Not enough food
- Migration
- Disease

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- records
 a. The normal amount or number, found by adding some amounts or numbers together and then dividing by how many there are.
- 2. temperature b. Information about something that has happened, written down or saved in some way.
- 3. average c. About making things in factories.
- 4. industrial d. Natural things we burn to give us heat and power, like coal, oil, or gas, made from the remains of very old plants and animals.
- 5. fossil fuel e. How hot or cold something is.
- 6. shift f. Something that will definitely happen and cannot be stopped.
- 7. inevitable g. A change from one thing to another.

Paragraph 2

- 8. planet h. A long period of time in history that has important events or changes.
- 9. era i. Very, very, very, very, very, very hot.
- 10. disaster j. A large round ball of rock or gas in space that moves around a star, like Earth.
- 11. mercury k. A very bad event that causes a lot of death, harm or damage.
- 12. scorching I. One of the seven large land areas on Earth, like Africa, Europe, South America, Asia...
- 13. continent m. A silver-colored metal that is liquid at room temperature. It is used in thermometres.
- 14. pilgrimage n. A (long) journey made to a special place for religious reasons.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240711-global-temperatures.html

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

- 1. The world had its hottest year since 1836. **T/F**
- 2. Every month last year was 1.5 degrees higher than the year before. **T/F**
- 3. The industrial period started around 1850. **T/F**
- 4. A researcher said more climate records will be broken. **T / F**
- 5. The article says we are starting an age of heat-related disasters. **T / F**
- 6. The temperature last week in Death Valley, California was 53.9°C. **T / F**
- 7. Nearly 10,000 people died on a pilgrimage. **T / F**
- 8. A climate scientist said Earth is no longer in crisis. **T / F**

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

- 1. began
- 2. period
- 3. shift
- 4. inevitable
- 5. oceans
- 6. planet
- 7. disasters
- 8. scorching
- 9. caused
- 10. pilgrimage

- a. seas
- b. unavoidable
- c. globe
- d. age
- e. red-hot
- f. brought about
- g. started
- h. catastrophes
- i. religious journey
- i. change

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

- 1. The world has experienced its hottest
- 2. 1.5 degrees Celsius warmer than
- 3. we started to burn fossil
- 4. We are bound to see new records
- 5. putting greenhouse gases
- 6. Earth was 1.64°C hotter than
- 7. The temperature there reached
- 8. This has caused wildfires, drought
- 9. on a pilgrimage
- 10. this showed Earth is

- a. being broken
- b. to Mecca
- c. year since records began
- d. a scorching 48.9°C
- e. in crisis
- f. fuels on a large scale
- g. into the atmosphere
- h. pre-industrial averages
- i. and death
- j. in pre-industrial times

GAP FILL

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Service said every month in the (2) 12 months	warm
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(5) of the report show a "large and continuing	burn
shift" in climate change. He warned: "We are	
(6) to see new records being broken as the	
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unless we stop putting greenhouse gases into the atmosphere and	
the (8)"	
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(10) that will see more heat-related disasters.	scorching
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hit 53.9° Celsius earlier this week.	drought
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the past year, countries have recorded extreme heat across all	pilgrimage
continents. This has caused wildfires, (14) and	
death. In Saudi Arabia last month, over 1,000 people collapsed	
and died on a (15) to Mecca. Climate scientist	

LISTENING — Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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1)	The world has experienced its hottest year	
	a. since records begunb. since records begin	
	c. since records began	
	d. since records begging	
2)	The industrial period started in the	
	a. mid-nineteen centuryb. mid-nineteenth centuries	
	c. mid-nineteenth century	
	d. middle-nineteenth century	
3)	director of Copernicus, said the results of the report show a	large
	a. end continuing shift	
	b. and continuing shiftc. and continue in shift	
	d. and continuing shaft	
4)	We are bound to see new records being broken as the clima	ate
	a. continues to warm	
	b. continues to warmth	
	c. continues to swarm d. continues to worm	
5)	This is inevitable, unless we stop putting greenhouse gases	
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6)	Scientists say we are at the beginning	
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	b. imp pre-industrial times	
	c. imp-industrial times	
٥١	d. in pre-industrial times	
8)	In Death Valley, the mercury hit 53.9° Celsiusa. earlier those week	
	b. earlier these week	
	c. earlier that week	
	d. earlier this week	
9)	In the past year, countries have recorded extreme heat a. across all continence	
	b. across all containers	
	c. across all continents	
	d. across all contents	
10) Climate scientist Aditi Mukherji said this showed Earth	
	a. is in crisisb. is ink crisis	
	c. is in cry sis	
	d. is in cries	

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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1.	What has experienced its hottest year since records began?
2.	How much warmer were months last year than in the mid-19th century?
3.	What did we start to burn in the mid-nineteenth century?
4.	What did a researcher say we will continue to see being broken?
5.	What should we stop putting greenhouses gases into besides oceans?
6.	What will we see more of in a new era?
7.	When was Earth 1.64°C cooler than it is today?
8.	Where was the temperature 48.9°C?
9.	What has climate change brought besides wildfires and death?
10.	What did Aditi Mukherji say the world is in?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240711-global-temperatures.html

- 1) What has experienced its hottest year since records began?
- a) the Gobi Desert
- b) Europe
- c) Antarctica
- d) the world
- 2) How much warmer were months last year than in the mid-19th century?
- a) exactly 1.5 degrees
- b) more than 1.5 degrees
- c) around 1.5 degrees
- d) less than 1.5 degrees
- 3) What did we start to burn in the mid-nineteenth century?
- a) the midnight oil
- b) newspapers
- c) garbage
- d) fossil fuels
- 4) What did a researcher say we will continue to see being broken?
- a) air conditioners
- b) electric cars
- c) records
- d) hearts
- 5) What should we stop putting greenhouses gases into besides oceans?
- a) cities
- b) bottles
- c) rivers
- d) the atmosphere

- 6) What will we see more of in a new era?
- a) car-free zones
- b) electric cars
- c) heat-related disasters
- d) climate scientists
- 7) When was Earth 1.64°C cooler than it is today?
- a) in pre-industrial times
- b) in the Stone Age
- c) in the Middle Ages
- d) last century
- 8) Where was the temperature
- 48.9°C?
- a) Los Alamo
- b) London
- c) Las Vegas
- d) Le Havre
- 9) What has climate change brought besides wildfires and death?
- a) landslides
- b) drought
- c) desertification
- d) homelessness
- 10) What did Aditi Mukherji say the world is in?
- a) crisis
- b) a fix
- c) difficulty
- d) a state of emergency

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Hotter Weather

You think hotter weather is the worst effect of climate change. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): stronger hurricanes, loss of species or not enough food.

Role B - Stronger Hurricanes

You think stronger hurricanes is the worst effect of climate change. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): hotter weather, loss of species or not enough food.

Role C - Loss of Species

You think loss of species is the worst effect of climate change. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): stronger hurricanes, hotter weather or not enough food.

Role D – Not Enough Food

You think not enough food is the worst effect of climate change. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least worrying of these (and why): stronger hurricanes, loss of species or hotter weather.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240711-global-temperatures.html

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

extreme	heat

- 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:

hottest	• era
• every	• times
period	• seen
• burn	reached
director	• 1,000
unless	• crisis

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.

GLOBAL TEMPERATURES 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 'heat'?
- 3. What do you think of today's weather?
- 4. What do you think of the heat?
- 5. What do you think of the record extreme temperatures?
- 6. How serious is a 1.5-degree rise in global temperatures?
- 7. What do you think of fossil fuels?
- 8. How has climate change affected you?
- 9. How can we reduce the volume of greenhouse gas we create?
- 10. What does a warmer climate do to the oceans?

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GLOBAL TEMPERATURES 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 'temperature'?
- 13. What do you think about what you read?
- 14. Has the weather changed a lot in your country?
- 15. What heat-related disasters do you know of?
- 16. What would life be like if it was 53.9° Celsius every day?
- 17. Do you prefer scorching hot or freezing cold weather?
- 18. What do you think Earth will be like in 2124?
- 19. How much of a crisis is Earth in?
- 20. What questions would you like to ask climate scientists?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

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LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put	the c	orrect words	from	the table be	low in	the above	article	•
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2.	(a)	warms	(b)	warmth	(c)	warming	(d)	warmer
3.	(a)	stale	(b)	scale	(c)	shale	(d)	snail
4.	(a)	waned	(b)	warmed	(c)	warned	(d)	warred
5.	(a)	around	(b)	sound	(c)	bound	(d)	found
6.	(a)	unless	(b)	whereas	(c)	SO	(d)	but
7.	(a)	planet	(b)	planned	(c)	plan it	(d)	plant
8.	(a)	timers	(b)	times	(c)	timings	(d)	time
9.	(a)	gold	(b)	copper	(c)	mercury	(d)	aluminium
10.	(a)	searching	(b)	starching	(c)	scorching	(d)	soothing
11.	(a)	continentals	(b)	continence	(c)	continents	(d)	countenance
12.	(a)	by	(b)	at	(c)	of	(d)	in

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

- 1. broke tpremtaereu records
- 2. warmer than pre-industrial <u>eeargasv</u>
- 3. The industrial eodipr
- 4. in the mid-nineteenth yentucr
- 5. This is vibnileaet
- 6. the atmosphere and the oensac

Paragraph 2

- 7. see more heat-related ssrtsidea
- 8. the <u>ryuemrc</u> hit 53.9°
- 9. extreme heat across all <u>nnntcosite</u>
- 10. This has caused wildfires, rtuodhq and death
- 11. on a <u>aimlgerpgi</u> to Mecca
- 12. this showed Earth is in rcssii

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

()	and died on a pilgrimage to Mecca. Climate scientist Aditi Mukherji said this showed Earth is in crisis.
()	times. Extreme temperatures are being seen all across California in the USA. In Death Valley, the mercury hit
()	continents. This has caused wildfires, drought and death. In Saudi Arabia last month, over 1,000 people collapsed
()	said every month in the past 12 months broke temperature records. Every month was more than 1.5 degrees
(-	1)	The world has experienced its hottest year since records began. A report from the Copernicus Climate Change Service
()	53.9° Celsius earlier this week. Meanwhile, Las Vegas broke its all-time heat record. The temperature there
()	of Copernicus, said the results of the report show a "large and continuing shift" in climate change. He warned: "We are
()	century. This is when we started to burn fossil fuels on a large scale. Researcher Carlo Buontempo, director
()	Celsius warmer than pre-industrial averages. The industrial period started in the mid-nineteenth
()	of an era that will see more heat-related disasters. In the past year, Earth was 1.64°C hotter than in pre-industrial
()	putting greenhouse gases into the atmosphere and the oceans."
()	bound to see new records being broken as the climate continues to warm. This is inevitable, unless we stop
()	Extreme heat has hit countries across the planet this year. Scientists say we are at the beginning
()	reached a scorching 48.9°C. In the past year, countries have recorded extreme heat across all

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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- 1. started century . mid-nineteenth in The the period industrial
- 2. We burning on started fuels fossil a scale . large
- 3. report a the Results of show continuing shift .
- 4. are to records broken . We bound being see
- 5. gases into putting the greenhouse atmosphere . Stop
- 6. countries has the Extreme heat across hit planet .
- 7. era An more that disasters . heat-related will see
- 8. The a reached 48.9°C scorching there . temperature
- 9. have extreme recorded across all Countries heat continents.
- 10. died a on pilgrimage . and People collapsed

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240711-global-temperatures.html

The world has experienced / experiencing its hottest year since records begin / began. A report from the Copernicus Climate Change Service said every month in the past 12 months broke / braked temperature records. Every month was more than 1.5 degree / degrees Celsius warmer than preindustrial averages. The industrial period started in / on the mid-nineteenth century. This is when we started to burn fossil fuels on a large shale / scale. Researcher Carlo Buontempo, direction / director of Copernicus, said the results of the report show a "large and continuing shift" in climate change. He warmed / warned: "We are bound to see new records being broken as the climate continues to warm. This is inevitable / enviable, unless we stop putting greenhouse / glasshouse gases into the atmosphere and the oceans."

Extreme heat has hit countries across the *plant / planet* this year. Scientists say we are at the *beginning / begins* of an era that will see more heat-related disasters. In the *passed / past* year, Earth was 1.64°C hotter than in pre-industrial *times / hours*. Extreme temperatures are being *seen / see* all across California in the USA. In Death Valley, the mercury hit 53.9° Celsius earlier *this / that* week. Meanwhile, Las Vegas broke its all-time *heat / hot* record. The temperature there reached a scorching 48.9°C. In the past year, countries have recorded *extremely / extreme* heat across all continents. This has caused wildfires, drought and *death / dead*. In Saudi Arabia last month, over 1,000 people collapsed and died on a pilgrimage to Mecca. Climate scientist Aditi Mukherji said this showed Earth is in *crisis / critics*.

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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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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alltime heat record the temperature there reached a scorching 489c in the

past year countries have recorded extreme heat across all continents this

has caused wildfires drought and death in saudi arabia last month over 1000

people collapsed and died on a pilgrimage to mecca climate scientist aditi

mukherji said this showed earth is in crisis

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about global temperatures for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2407/240711-global-temperatures.html

It is too late to control climate change. Discuss.					

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. GLOBAL TEMPERATURES:** Make a poster about global temperatures. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?
- **4. EMERGENCY LIFESTYLE CHANGE:** Write a magazine article about all of us having to make emergency lifestyle changes. 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 global temperatures. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how we can reverse global warming. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. е 3. а 4. С 5. d 6. g 7. f 8. j 9. 10. i 13. 14. h k 11. 12. 1 m n

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1.	g	2.	d	3.	j	4.	b	5.	a
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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

People collapsed and died on a pilgrimage.

1.	The world	1.	The industrial period started in the mid- nineteenth century.
2.	More than 1.5 degrees	2.	We started burning fossil fuels on a large scale.
3.	Fossil fuels	3.	Results of the report show a continuing shift.
4.	Records	4.	We are bound to see records being broken.
5.	The atmosphere	5.	Stop putting greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.
6.	Heat-related disasters	6.	Extreme heat has hit countries across the planet.
7.	In pre-industrial times	7.	An era that will see more heat-related disasters.
8.	Las Vegas	8.	The temperature there reached a scorching 48.9°C.
9.	Drought	9.	Countries have recorded extreme heat across all continents.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

10.

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

10. Crisis

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