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Atlantic Ocean circulatory current could collapse

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

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THE READING

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The system of ocean currents responsible for maintaining temperate weather worldwide could collapse. Experts say the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC) could fail within 50 years. AMOC brings heat from the Caribbean to the northern Atlantic Ocean. Oceanographers say AMOC has been weakening for decades because of global warming. The northern Atlantic is the only region in the world that is cooling. Experts once believed there was a 10 per cent chance of AMOC crossing the tipping point this century. However, they now say there is a 50/50 possibility.

Meteorologists say the failure of AMOC would lead to "devastating and irreversible impacts which will affect the entire world for centuries to come". It would disrupt global weather and negatively affect the lives of hundreds of millions of people. Scientists predict that temperatures in the U.K. could become 15°C lower. Colder weather could "potentially threaten the viability of agriculture" in Europe. Furthermore, tropical monsoons could shift southwards, causing drought and famine. This will create huge numbers of climate refugees and escalate geopolitical tensions.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2024/oct/23/we-dont-know-where-the-tipping-point-is-climate-expert-on-potential-collapse-of-atlantic-circulation>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|------------------|
| 1. the system of ocean | a. tipping point |
| 2. responsible for maintaining temperate | b. the Caribbean |
| 3. fail within 50 | c. possibility |
| 4. AMOC brings heat from | d. weather |
| 5. AMOC has been weakening | e. is cooling |
| 6. the only region in the world that | f. years |
| 7. crossing the | g. for decades |
| 8. there is a 50/50 | h. currents |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. devastating and | a. of agriculture |
| 2. affect the entire | b. tensions |
| 3. for centuries | c. monsoons |
| 4. threaten the viability | d. to come |
| 5. tropical | e. refugees |
| 6. causing drought | f. world |
| 7. huge numbers of climate | g. and famine |
| 8. geopolitical | h. irreversible impacts |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The system of (1) _____ for maintaining temperate weather (2) _____. Experts say the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC) could fail within 50 years. AMOC brings heat from the Caribbean (3) _____ Atlantic Ocean. Oceanographers say AMOC has been (4) _____ because of global warming. The northern Atlantic is the only region in the world (5) _____. Experts once believed there was a 10 per cent chance of AMOC (6) _____ point this century. However, they now say there is a 50/50 possibility.

Meteorologists say the failure of AMOC would lead to "devastating (7) _____ which will affect the entire world for (8) _____". It would disrupt global weather and negatively affect the lives of hundreds of millions of people. Scientists (9) _____ in the U.K. could become 15°C lower. Colder weather could "(10) _____ viability of agriculture" in Europe. Furthermore, tropical monsoons could shift southwards, causing (11) _____. This will create huge numbers of climate refugees and (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WEATHER PATTERNS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about weather patterns 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 **weather patterns** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
