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Global warming will delay next ice age, say scientists

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The next ice age will be late. An ice age is a long time of freezing weather. There is a huge increase in the amount of ice in the world. Mountain glaciers become bigger. The researchers are from the UK. They think the next ice age will arrive in 10,000 years. However, that could be delayed because of human activity and climate change. Global warming could make it "very unlikely" that the next ice age will arrive on time.

Melting ice in the North and South Poles will push back the ice age. A researcher studied how past ice ages happened. He looked at one million years of climate data. He found relationships between the Earth's axis, global temperatures, and the amount of ice at the North and South Poles. When the amount of ice is stable, ice ages happen at regular intervals. The researcher said less ice means a longer gap between ice ages.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The next ice age will be | a. 10,000 years |
| 2. a long time of | b. in the world |
| 3. There is a huge | c. late |
| 4. the amount of ice | d. time |
| 5. Mountain glaciers become | e. freezing weather |
| 6. the next ice age will arrive in | f. bigger |
| 7. delayed because of human | g. increase |
| 8. the next ice age will arrive on | h. activity |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. melting | a. between ice ages |
| 2. the North and South | b. back the ice age |
| 3. push | c. axis |
| 4. studied how past ice ages | d. intervals |
| 5. one million years | e. ice |
| 6. the Earth's | f. happened |
| 7. ice ages happen at regular | g. Poles |
| 8. a longer gap | h. of climate data |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The next ice age will be late. An ice age is a long.

(1) _____ weather. There is a

(2) _____ the amount of ice in the world.

Mountain (3) _____.

The researchers are from the UK. They (4) _____ ice age will

arrive in 10,000 years. However, that could be delayed because

(5) _____ and climate change. Global

warming could make it "very unlikely" that the next ice age will.

(6) _____.

Melting ice in the North and South Poles

(7) _____ the ice age. A researcher studied

how past ice ages happened. He (8) _____

million years of climate data. He found relationships between the

Earth's axis, global temperatures, (9) _____

of ice at the North and South Poles. When

(10) _____ ice is stable, ice ages happen

(11) _____. The researcher said less ice

means (12) _____ between ice ages.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ICE AGES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2503/250306-ice-age-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about ice ages 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) _____

