

Breaking News English.com

Ready-to-Use English Lessons by Sean Banville

**"1,000 IDEAS & ACTIVITIES
FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS"**

breakingnewsenglish.com/book.html

**Thousands more free lessons
from Sean's other websites**

www.freeeslmaterials.com/sean_banville_lessons.html

Level 2 – 6th March 2025

Global warming will delay next ice age, say scientists

FREE online quizzes, mp3 listening and more for this lesson here:

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2503/250306-ice-age-2.html>

Contents

The Reading	2
Phrase Matching	3
Listening Gap Fill	4
No Spaces	5
Survey	6
Writing and Speaking	7
Writing	8

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

X (Twitter)



[X.com/SeanBanville](https://x.com/SeanBanville)

Facebook



www.facebook.com/pages/BreakingNewsEnglish/155625444452176

THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2503/250306-ice-age-2.html>

Researchers say the next ice age will be late. An ice age is a long period of freezing temperatures. There is a huge increase in the amount of ice at the North and South Pole. In addition, mountain glaciers become bigger. The researchers are from Cardiff University. They believe the next ice age should arrive in 10,000 years from now. However, the researchers think the next ice age could be delayed because of human activity. A member of the research team said climate change could delay it. She said global warming could make it "very unlikely" that the next freeze will arrive on time.

The scientists said melting ice in the North and South Poles will push back the ice age. Researcher Professor Stephen Barker studied how past ice ages happened. He looked at one million years of climate data. He found relationships between changes in the Earth's axis, global temperatures, and the size of Antarctica and the Arctic. When the amount of ice was stable, ice ages happened at regular intervals. However, Professor Barker said less ice means a longer gap between ice ages. He said Earth's climate is "an interconnected system of complex processes".

Sources: <https://www.newser.com/story/365087/researchers-predict-next-ice-age-with-a-catch.html>
<https://www.sciencealert.com/study-reveals-how-earths-orbit-triggers-ice-ages-and-theres-one-in-the-next-11000-years>
<https://www.msn.com/en-us/weather/topstories/next-ice-age-would-hit-earth-in-11-000-years-if-it-weren-t-for-climate-change-scientists-say/ar-AA1zW7QG>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ice_age

PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2503/250306-ice-age-2.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. the next ice age will be | a. bigger |
| 2. a long period of freezing | b. increase |
| 3. There is a huge | c. Pole |
| 4. the amount of | d. late |
| 5. the North and South | e. activity |
| 6. mountain glaciers become | f. temperatures |
| 7. arrive in 10,000 years from | g. ice |
| 8. delayed because of human | h. now |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. melting | a. of climate data |
| 2. push | b. gap |
| 3. how past ice ages | c. axis |
| 4. He looked at one million years | d. back the ice age |
| 5. changes in the Earth's | e. regular intervals |
| 6. the size | f. happened |
| 7. ice ages happened at | g. of Antarctica |
| 8. a longer | h. ice |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2503/250306-ice-age-2.html>

Researchers say the next ice age (1) _____. An ice age is a long period of freezing temperatures. There is a huge increase in (2) _____ ice at the North and South Pole. In addition, mountain glaciers become bigger. The researchers are from Cardiff University. They (3) _____ ice age should arrive in 10,000 years from now. However, the researchers think the next ice age could be delayed because (4) _____. A member of the research team said climate change (5) _____. She said global warming could make it "very unlikely" that the next freeze will (6) _____.

The scientists said (7) _____ the North and South Poles will push back the ice age. Researcher Professor Stephen Barker (8) _____ ice ages happened. He looked at one million years of climate data. He found relationships (9) _____ the Earth's axis, global temperatures, and the size of Antarctica and the Arctic. When (10) _____ ice was stable, ice ages happened at regular intervals. However, Professor Barker said less ice means (11) _____ between ice ages. He said Earth's climate is "an interconnected (12) _____ processes".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2503/250306-ice-age-2.html>

Researchers say the next ice age will be late. An ice age is a long period of freezing temperatures. There is a huge increase in the amount of ice at the North and South Pole. In addition, mountain glaciers become bigger. The researchers are from Cardiff University. They believe the next ice age should arrive in 10,000 years from now. However, the researchers think the next ice age could be delayed because of human activity. A member of the research team said climate change could delay it. She said global warming could make it "very unlikely" that the next freeze will arrive on time. The scientist said melting ice in the North and South Poles will push back the ice age. Researcher Professor Stephen Barker studied how past ice ages happened. He looked at one million years of climate data. He found relationships between changes in the Earth's axis, global temperatures, and the size of Antarctica and the Arctic. When the amount of ice was stable, ice ages happened at regular intervals. However, Professor Barker said less ice means a longer gap between ice ages. He said Earth's climate is "an interconnected system of complex processes".

ICE AGES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2503/250306-ice-age-2.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) _____

Global warming will delay next ice age, say scientists – 6th March 2025
More free lessons at breakingnewsenglish.com

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

