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## Level 4
# July was hottest month in recorded history

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**Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

# THE READING

July was the hottest month on Earth since scientists started taking records 136 years ago. NASA said that: "July 2016 was absolutely the hottest month since the instrumental records began." It beat the previous record, which was July 2011, by 0.11 degrees Celsius. Scientists say this is a big rise. NASA said July was the tenth straight month of record-breaking temperatures. The year 2016 could now become the hottest year on record.

The website gizmodo.com said July could be the hottest month since prehistoric times – the hottest in 125,000 years. A weather expert said: "It's a little alarming…that we're going through these records like nothing this year." The organization Climate Central reported that the record temperatures are because of fossil fuels and El Niño. However, an Australian politician recently said climate change was a conspiracy theory created by NASA.

Sources:     https://www.**washingtonpost.com**/news/capital-weather-gang/wp/2016/08/16/july-was-
absolutely-earths-hottest-month-ever-recorded/
http://**gizmodo.com**/it-hasnt-been-this-hot-in-a-scary-long-time-1785348404
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recorded-history.htm

# PHRASE MATCHING

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | since scientists started taking | a. | record |
| 2. | absolutely | b. | breaking temperatures |
| 3. | It beat the previous | c. | the hottest |
| 4. | 0.11 degrees | d. | on record |
| 5. | Scientists say this is a big | e. | records |
| 6. | the tenth | f. | Celsius |
| 7. | record- | g. | rise |
| 8. | the hottest year | h. | straight month |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | since | a. | temperatures |
| 2. | the hottest in | b. | theory |
| 3. | A weather | c. | prehistoric times |
| 4. | It's a little | d. | by NASA |
| 5. | record | e. | 125,000 years |
| 6. | fossil | f. | expert |
| 7. | a conspiracy | g. | alarming |
| 8. | created | h. | fuels |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

July was the hottest month on Earth (1) _____ started taking records 136 years ago. NASA said that: "July 2016 (2) _____ hottest month since the instrumental records began."It (3) _____ record, which was July 2011, by 0.11 degrees Celsius. Scientists say (4) _____. NASA said July was the (5) _____ of record-breaking temperatures. The year 2016 could now become the hottest (6) _____.

The website gizmodo.com said July (7) _____ hottest month since prehistoric times – the hottest (8) _____ years. A weather expert said: "It's (9) _____…that we're going through these records like (10) _____." The organization Climate Central reported that the record temperatures are because (11) _____ and El Niño. However, an Australian politician recently said climate change was a (12) _____ created by NASA.

# PUT A SLASH ( / )WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOTTEST MONTHS SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about hottest months 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

Write about **hottest months** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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