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**Level 2 – 16th August, 2021**

## Scientists say July was hottest month ever

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210816-hottest-month-ever-2.html>

We see floods, fires and heatwaves on TV news nearly every day now. Scientists have just announced that July was the hottest month ever. Scientists from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in the USA said: "July is typically the world's warmest month of the year, but July 2021 outdid itself as the hottest July and hottest month ever." Earth's land and ocean temperature in July was 0.93 degree Celsius higher than the 20th-century average of 15.8 degrees. The Northern Hemisphere was 1.54 degrees Celsius hotter than average.

NOAA said this heat record was worrying. It said: "In this case, first place is the worst place to be." The U.N. just issued a 4,000-page report on climate change. The report is from the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change. It stated that humans had changed the climate. It wrote: "It is [clear] that human influence has warmed the atmosphere, ocean and land." A total of 234 scientists from 66 countries wrote the report. It said extreme weather would continue and "every region" would experience "multiple changes" in weather, like boiling heat and flooding.

Sources: <https://www.npr.org/2021/08/13/1027521725/july-hottest-month-in-recorded-human-history>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. We see floods, fires and    | a. century average       |
| 2. Scientists have just        | b. itself as the hottest |
| 3. typically the world's       | c. than average          |
| 4. July 2021 outdid            | d. heatwaves             |
| 5. Earth's land and ocean      | e. Hemisphere            |
| 6. higher than the 20th-       | f. warmest month         |
| 7. Northern                    | g. temperature           |
| 8. 1.54 degrees Celsius hotter | h. announced that        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. a 4,000-page report on       | a. would continue      |
| 2. It stated that humans had    | b. climate change      |
| 3. warmed the atmosphere, ocean | c. heat                |
| 4. A total of                   | d. changed the climate |
| 5. extreme weather              | e. in weather          |
| 6. every                        | f. 234 scientists      |
| 7. multiple changes             | g. and land            |
| 8. boiling                      | h. region              |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210816-hottest-month-ever-2.html>

We see floods, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ on TV news nearly every day now. Scientists (2) \_\_\_\_\_ that July was the hottest month ever. Scientists from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in the USA said: "July is typically the world's warmest (3) \_\_\_\_\_ year, but July 2021 outdid itself as the hottest July and hottest month ever." Earth's (4) \_\_\_\_\_ temperature in July was 0.93 degree Celsius higher than the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of 15.8 degrees. The Northern Hemisphere was 1.54 degrees Celsius (6) \_\_\_\_\_

NOAA said this heat (7) \_\_\_\_\_. It said: "In this case, first place is the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ be." The U.N. just issued a 4,000-page (9) \_\_\_\_\_ change. The report is from the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change. It stated that humans had changed the climate. It wrote: "It is [clear] that (10) \_\_\_\_\_ warmed the atmosphere, ocean and land." A total of 234 scientists from 66 countries wrote the report. It said extreme weather would continue (11) \_\_\_\_\_ would experience "multiple changes" in weather, like (12) \_\_\_\_\_ flooding.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOT WEATHER SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210816-hottest-month-ever-2.html>

Write five GOOD questions about hot weather 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) \_\_\_\_\_

