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Level 2 – 20th July 2023

UN says extreme heat is the new normal

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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/2307/230720-heatwaves-2.html>

The United Nations has warned that extreme heat is "the new normal". Climate change is causing more heatwaves and making them longer and hotter. Many countries have had record hot weather in the past week. In parts of the USA and China, the mercury went over 50°C. In Death Valley, California, it was 53.9°C; and in Xinjiang, China, it got up to 52.2°C. European countries and Japan have issued heat alerts. They asked people to stay in the shade and drink plenty of water. The UN warned the heatwaves could continue for another month.

The UN warned of the need to cut greenhouse gas emissions. It said heatwaves are happening more often and this is having, "a major impact on human health...and water supplies." It added that more work is needed, "to help society adapt to what is unfortunately becoming the new normal". The heat is making holidaymakers change their travel plans. People are choosing to holiday in cooler countries. A woman who tried to "escape the heat" by going to Rome complained that the Italian capital was hotter than her hometown in Texas.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-66229057>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. extreme | a. a heat alert |
| 2. the | b. were over 50°C |
| 3. more and longer | c. of water |
| 4. the USA and China | d. new normal |
| 5. Death Valley was | e. heat |
| 6. Japan issued | f. the shade |
| 7. stay in | g. heatwaves |
| 8. drink plenty | h. 53.9°C |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. we need to cut greenhouse | a. new normal |
| 2. we need to | b. supplies |
| 3. heatwaves are the | c. than Texas |
| 4. They are affecting our | d. their travel plans |
| 5. water | e. gas emissions |
| 6. The heat is making people change | f. the heat |
| 7. A woman tried to escape | g. change our lives |
| 8. it was hotter | h. health |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The United Nations has warned (1) _____ is "the new normal". Climate change is (2) _____ and making them longer and hotter. Many countries have had record hot weather in the past week. In parts of the USA and China, the (3) _____ 50°C. In Death Valley, California, it was 53.9°C; and in Xinjiang, China, it got up to 52.2°C. European countries and Japan have (4) _____. They asked people to stay in the shade (5) _____ of water. The UN warned the heatwaves could (6) _____ month.

The UN warned of the need (7) _____ gas emissions. It said heatwaves are happening more often and this is having, "(8) _____ on human health...and water supplies." It added that more work is needed, "to (9) _____ to what is unfortunately becoming the new normal". The heat is making holidaymakers change (10) _____. People are choosing to holiday in cooler countries. A woman who tried to "(11) _____" by going to Rome complained that the Italian (12) _____ than her hometown in Texas.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HEATWAVES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about heatwaves 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) _____

