

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 0 – 25th August, 2019

Amazon rainforest fires are an international crisis

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

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190825-amazon-fires-0.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 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

Twitter



twitter.com/SeanBanville

Facebook



www.facebook.com/pages/BreakingNewsEnglish/155625444452176

THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190825-amazon-fires-0.html>

The Amazon rainforest is burning. French President Emmanuel Macron said it is an "international crisis". He said urgent action is needed. World leaders at the G7 summit should talk about them. He tweeted: "Our house is burning....The Amazon rain forest...is on fire. It is an international crisis."

Germany's leader called the fires an "acute emergency". She said they were dangerous to the whole world. The UK leader called the fires "heart-breaking". He wants to bring them under control "and help protect one of Earth's greatest wonders". The UN said: "The Amazon [and our oxygen] must be protected."

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-49443389>
<https://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/458399-fires-in-the-amazon-the-planet-at-risk>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-49450495>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190825-amazon-fires-0.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. French | a. burning |
| 2. He said urgent action | b. leaders |
| 3. World | c. crisis |
| 4. the G7 | d. is needed |
| 5. talk | e. fire |
| 6. Our house is | f. President |
| 7. The Amazon rain forest is on | g. about them |
| 8. It is an international | h. summit |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. She said they were | a. "heart-breaking" |
| 2. the whole | b. wonders |
| 3. The UK | c. world |
| 4. called the fires | d. protected |
| 5. bring them under | e. one |
| 6. help protect | f. dangerous |
| 7. Earth's greatest | g. control |
| 8. our oxygen must be | h. leader |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190825-amazon-fires-0.html>

The Amazon (1) _____. French President Emmanuel Macron said (2) _____ "international crisis". He (3) _____ is needed. World leaders at (4) _____ should talk about them. He tweeted: "Our (5) _____....The Amazon rain forest... (6) _____. It is an international crisis."

Germany's (7) _____ fires an "acute emergency". She said they were (8) _____ whole world. The UK leader (9) _____ "heart-breaking". He wants to (10) _____ control "and help protect one of (11) _____. The UN said: "The Amazon [and our oxygen] (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190825-amazon-fires-0.html>

TheAmazonrainforestisburning.FrenchPresidentEmmanuelMacrons
aiditisan"internationalcrisis".Hesaidurgentactionisneeded.Worldlea
dersattheG7summitshouldtalkaboutthem.Hetweeted:"Ourhouseis
burning....TheAmazonrainforest...isonfire.Itisaninternationalcrisis.
"Germany'sleadercalledthefiresan"acuteemergency".Shesaidtheyw
eredangeroustothewholeworld.TheUKleadercalledthefires"heart-b
reaking".Hewantstobringthemundercontrol"andhelpprotectoneofE
arth'sgreatestwonders".TheUNsaid:"TheAmazon[andouroxygen]m
ustbeprotected."

THE AMAZON FIRES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190825-amazon-fires-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the Amazon fires 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) _____

Amazon rainforest fires are an international crisis – 25th August, 2019
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) _____

