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Level 1 – 25th August, 2019

Amazon rainforest fires are an international crisis

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190825-amazon-fires-1.html>

The Amazon rainforest is burning at a fast rate. French President Emmanuel Macron called the record number of fires an "international crisis". He said urgent action is needed and the fires should be top of the agenda at the G7 summit of world leaders. He tweeted about how serious the fires are. He wrote: "Our house is burning. Literally. The Amazon rain forest - the lungs which produce 20% of our planet's oxygen - is on fire. It is an international crisis."

Germany's leader called the fires an "acute emergency". She said they were "shocking" and threatened Brazil and the whole world. The UK leader called the fires "heartbreaking". He said: "We stand ready to provide whatever help we can to bring them under control and help protect one of Earth's greatest wonders." The UN Secretary-General said: "We cannot afford more damage to a major source of oxygen and biodiversity. The Amazon 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>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190825-amazon-fires-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. rainforest is burning at | a. burning |
| 2. the record number | b. of world leaders |
| 3. urgent action | c. crisis |
| 4. the fires should be top | d. of fires |
| 5. the G7 summit | e. oxygen |
| 6. Our house is | f. of the agenda |
| 7. 20% of our planet's | g. a fast rate |
| 8. It is an international | h. is needed |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. they were "shocking" and threatened | a. more |
| 2. the whole | b. we can |
| 3. provide whatever help | c. be protected |
| 4. bring them under | d. wonders |
| 5. protect one of Earth's greatest | e. and biodiversity |
| 6. We cannot afford | f. world |
| 7. a major source of oxygen | g. control |
| 8. The Amazon must | h. Brazil |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190825-amazon-fires-1.html>

The Amazon rainforest (1) _____ a fast rate. French President Emmanuel Macron called (2) _____ of fires an "international crisis". He said urgent action is needed and the fires should (3) _____ the agenda at the G7 summit of world leaders. He tweeted about (4) _____ fires are. He wrote: "Our house is burning. Literally. The Amazon rain forest - (5) _____ produce 20% of our planet's oxygen - (6) _____. It is an international crisis."

Germany's leader (7) _____ an "acute emergency". She (8) _____ "shocking" and threatened Brazil and (9) _____. The UK leader called the fires "heartbreaking". He said: "We stand ready to provide whatever help we can to bring (10) _____ and help (11) _____ Earth's greatest wonders." The UN Secretary-General said: "We cannot afford more damage to a (12) _____ oxygen and biodiversity. The Amazon must be protected."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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) _____

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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) _____

