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**Level 4 – 15th August, 2022**

## 'Warm banks' spread in UK as heating costs rise

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220815-warm-banks-4.html>

The UK is a wealthy country, but people cannot pay energy bills. Electricity and gas bills could rise fourfold this year. Even well paid people are struggling. Lower-paid workers are faced with a stark choice of heating or eating. Many towns are converting libraries into spaces where people can stay warm for free. These are called "heat banks". A UK money-saving expert cannot understand why his country needs warm banks. The UK has hundreds of food banks.

Britons are taking drastic measures. One woman turned off her fridge and is keeping her food in cold water. A man switched off his electric kettle and is drinking cold water. Last winter, a lady sat on a bus all day instead of sitting at home in the cold. People are angry about the record profits oil companies are making. The government is reluctant to tax these. Each year in the UK, cold weather kills around 11,400 people. This figure will increase this year.

Sources: <https://metro.co.uk/2022/07/14/warm-banks-to-be-set-up-this-winter-but-what-are-they-16998804/>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220815-warm-banks-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The UK is a wealthy | a. choice                |
| 2. people cannot       | b. bills                 |
| 3. Electricity and gas | c. banks                 |
| 4. rise                | d. people are struggling |
| 5. Even well paid      | e. pay energy bills      |
| 6. faced with a stark  | f. saving expert         |
| 7. money-              | g. country               |
| 8. food                | h. fourfold              |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                     |                         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Britons are taking drastic       | a. around 11,400 people |
| 2. One woman turned                 | b. home in the cold     |
| 3. electric                         | c. off her fridge       |
| 4. sitting at                       | d. increase this year   |
| 5. the record profits oil companies | e. measures             |
| 6. The government is reluctant      | f. kettle               |
| 7. cold weather kills               | g. to tax these         |
| 8. This figure will                 | h. are making           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UK is (1) \_\_\_\_\_, but people cannot pay energy bills. Electricity and gas bills could (2) \_\_\_\_\_ year. Even well paid people are struggling. Lower-paid workers are faced with (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of heating or eating. Many towns are converting libraries into spaces where people can stay (4) \_\_\_\_\_. These are called "heat banks". A UK (5) \_\_\_\_\_ cannot understand why his country needs warm banks. The UK (6) \_\_\_\_\_ food banks.

Britons are (7) \_\_\_\_\_. One woman turned off her fridge and is keeping her food in cold water. A man (8) \_\_\_\_\_ electric kettle and is drinking cold water. Last winter, a lady sat on a bus all day (9) \_\_\_\_\_ at home in the cold. People are angry about the record profits oil companies are making. The government (10) \_\_\_\_\_ tax these. Each year in the UK, cold (11) \_\_\_\_\_ 11,400 people. This (12) \_\_\_\_\_ this year.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220815-warm-banks-4.html>

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# KEEPING WARM SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220815-warm-banks-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about keeping warm 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) \_\_\_\_\_

