

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 6 – 20th March 2023

Climate change extends allergy season

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

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2303/230320-allergies.html>

Contents

The Article	2	Discussion (Student-Created Qs)	15
Warm-Ups	3	Language Work (Cloze)	16
Vocabulary	4	Spelling	17
Before Reading / Listening	5	Put The Text Back Together	18
Gap Fill	6	Put The Words In The Right Order	19
Match The Sentences And Listen	7	Circle The Correct Word	20
Listening Gap Fill	8	Insert The Vowels (a, e, i, o, u)	21
Comprehension Questions	9	Punctuate The Text And Add Capitals	22
Multiple Choice - Quiz	10	Put A Slash (/) Where The Spaces Are	23
Role Play	11	Free Writing	24
After Reading / Listening	12	Academic Writing	25
Student Survey	13	Homework	26
Discussion (20 Questions)	14	Answers	27

Please try Levels 4 and 5 (they are easier).

Twitter



twitter.com/SeanBanville

Facebook



www.facebook.com/pages/BreakingNewsEnglish/155625444452176

THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2303/230320-allergies.html>

Not everyone in the world looks forward to the joys of spring. While many people take delight in observing the glory of newly-formed buds revealing their delicate blossoms, others dread this annual phenomenon. That's because blooming plants bring seasonal allergies like hay fever. The National Phenology Network (NPN) in the USA has warned hay fever sufferers that spring has arrived up to four weeks earlier than usual. The pollen that causes so many symptoms is already causing misery. To make matters worse, the warmer weather will prolong hay fever season. The NPN said: "It's a little unsettling. It perhaps isn't surprising, given the trajectory our planet is on."

Phenologists, climatologists and meteorologists are blaming climate change for the unseasonably warmer weather. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported that the U.S. winter's average temperature was 2.7 degrees warmer than the 20th century average. Lauren Casey, a meteorologist with Climate Central, told the CNN news agency that climate change is resulting in earlier and longer seasons for plants, causing a greater prevalence of pollen. She said pollen was "the enemy" of people who suffer from allergies. She said pollen can trigger asthma attacks and aggravate mold allergies. Another scientist said: "Acting on climate change really does matter for people's health."

Sources: <https://news.yahoo.com/allergy-season-starts-earlier-now-thanks-to-climate-change-171913889.html>
<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2023/mar/15/allergy-season-starting-earlier-global-heating-climate-change>
https://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2023/03/15/AccuWeather-spring-allergy-forecast/5691678903505/

WARM-UPS

1. HAY FEVER: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about hay fever. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

everyone / joys / spring / delight / blossoms / allergies / hay fever / season / planet / meteorologists / climate change / winter / temperature / pollen / enemy / mold

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. CLIMATE CHANGE: Students A **strongly** believe climate change cannot be reversed; Students B **strongly** believe it can. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. JOYS: What are the joys of these things? How often do you enjoy them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Joys	How I Enjoy Them
Spring		
Summer		
Autumn		
Winter		
Flowers		
English		

5. FEVER: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "fever". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. ALLERGIES: Rank these with your partner. Put the worst allergies at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Pollen
- Chocolate
- Eggs
- English
- Milk
- Peanuts
- Wheat
- Soya beans

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. glory | a. A state or feeling of great physical or mental distress or discomfort. |
| 2. phenomenon | b. Extend the duration of. |
| 3. symptom | c. Magnificence or great beauty. |
| 4. misery | d. The path followed by a planet or object flying or an object moving under the action of given forces. |
| 5. prolong | e. A fact or situation that is observed to exist or happen. |
| 6. unsettling | f. A physical or mental feature which is regarded as indicating a condition of disease. |
| 7. trajectory | g. Causing anxiety or uneasiness; disturbing. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 8. phenologist | h. A furry (green or black) fungus occurring in moist warm conditions, especially on food or other organic matter. |
| 9. unseasonably | i. Someone who studies cyclic and seasonal natural phenomena, especially in relation to climate and plant and animal life. |
| 10. meteorologist | j. In a way that is unusual for the time of year. |
| 11. prevalence | k. An event that is the cause of a particular action, process, or situation. |
| 12. trigger | l. The fact or condition of being widespread in a particular area or at a particular time. |
| 13. asthma | m. An expert in the science concerned with the processes and phenomena of the atmosphere, especially as a means of forecasting the weather. |
| 14. mold | n. A condition marked by attacks on the lungs, causing difficulty in breathing. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2303/230320-allergies.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. Everyone looks forward to the joys of spring. **T / F**
2. Many people dread spring when flowers start blooming. **T / F**
3. Spring arrived four weeks early in parts of the USA. **T / F**
4. A phenologist said she was surprised that fever season started early. **T / F**
5. Phenologists say the warmer weather is responsible for climate change. **T / F**
6. There will be less pollen around this year. **T / F**
7. Pollen can cause asthma sufferers to have an asthma attack. **T / F**
8. A meteorologist said mold can be used to help with hay fever. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. joys | a. set off |
| 2. glory | b. course |
| 3. delicate | c. unhappiness |
| 4. misery | d. worsen |
| 5. trajectory | e. magnificence |
| 6. blaming | f. presence |
| 7. seasons | g. delights |
| 8. prevalence | h. attributing |
| 9. trigger | i. periods |
| 10. aggravate | j. fragile |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. everyone in the world looks forward | a. warmer weather |
| 2. newly-formed | b. hay fever season |
| 3. seasonal allergies | c. allergies |
| 4. warmer weather will prolong | d. planet is on |
| 5. the trajectory our | e. 20th century average |
| 6. the unseasonably | f. like hay fever |
| 7. warmer than the | g. asthma attacks |
| 8. a greater prevalence | h. to the joys of spring |
| 9. pollen can trigger | i. of pollen |
| 10. aggravate mold | j. buds |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2303/230320-allergies.html>

Not everyone in the world looks forward to the
(1) _____ of spring. While many people take
(2) _____ in observing the glory of newly-formed
buds revealing their (3) _____ blossoms, others
dread this annual phenomenon. That's because blooming plants
bring (4) _____ allergies like hay fever. The National
Phenology Network (NPN) in the USA has warned
(5) _____ fever sufferers that spring has arrived up
to four weeks earlier than usual. The pollen that causes so many
symptoms is already causing (6) _____. To make
matters worse, the warmer weather will (7) _____
hay fever season. The NPN said: "It's a little unsettling. It
perhaps isn't surprising, given the (8) _____ our
planet is on."

hay
joys
prolong
delicate
trajectory
delight
misery
seasonal

Phenologists, climatologists and meteorologists are
(9) _____ climate change for the (10) _____
warmer weather. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration reported that the U.S. winter's average
(11) _____ was 2.7 degrees warmer than the 20th
century average. Lauren Casey, a meteorologist with Climate
Central, told the CNN news agency that climate change is
(12) _____ in earlier and longer seasons for plants,
causing a greater (13) _____ of pollen. She said
pollen was "the enemy" of people who (14) _____
from allergies. She said pollen can trigger asthma attacks and
(15) _____ mold allergies. Another scientist said:
"Acting on climate change really does (16) _____ for
people's health."

resulting
aggravate
unseasonably
prevalence
matter
blaming
temperature
suffer

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2303/230320-allergies.html>

- 1) Not everyone in the world looks forward to the _____
 - a. joyous of spring
 - b. jewels of spring
 - c. joys of spring
 - d. jays of spring
- 2) take delight in observing the glory of newly-formed buds revealing _____
 - a. their delicacy blossoms
 - b. their delicate blossoms
 - c. their deli cart blossoms
 - d. their deli cat blossoms
- 3) The pollen that causes so many symptoms is _____
 - a. already causing misery
 - b. already cause in misery
 - c. already cause sin misery
 - d. already coursing misery
- 4) To make matters worse, the warmer weather will _____
 - a. prolong hi fever
 - b. prolong here fever
 - c. prolong hay fever
 - d. prolong fey fever
- 5) It perhaps isn't surprising, given the trajectory our _____
 - a. plan it is on
 - b. planets is on
 - c. plant is on
 - d. planet is on
- 6) meteorologists are blaming climate change for the _____
 - a. unreasonably warmer weather
 - b. unseasonably warmer weather
 - c. unfeasibly warmer weather
 - d. unfashionably warmer weather
- 7) the U.S. winter's average temperature was 2.7 degrees warmer than the _____
 - a. 20th century averaged
 - b. 20th century coverage
 - c. 20th century avarice
 - d. 20th century average
- 8) resulting in earlier and longer seasons for plants, causing a greater _____
 - a. prevalent of pollen
 - b. presence of pollen
 - c. equivalence of pollen
 - d. prevalence of pollen
- 9) She said pollen can trigger asthma attacks and _____
 - a. aggravate bold allergies
 - b. aggravate hold allergies
 - c. aggravate cold allergies
 - d. aggravate mold allergies
- 10) Another scientist said acting on climate change _____
 - a. really has matter
 - b. really does matter
 - c. really is matter
 - d. really gives matter

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2303/230320-allergies.html>

Not everyone in the world looks forward to the (1) _____.

While many people take delight in observing the glory of newly-formed buds revealing their delicate blossoms, others (2) _____ phenomenon. That's because blooming plants (3) _____ like hay fever. The National Phenology Network (NPN) in the USA has warned hay fever sufferers that spring has arrived up to four weeks earlier than usual. The pollen that causes (4) _____ is (5) _____. To make matters worse, the warmer weather will prolong hay fever season. The NPN said: "It's a little unsettling. It perhaps isn't surprising, (6) _____ our planet is on."

Phenologists, climatologists and meteorologists (7) _____ change for the unseasonably warmer weather. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported that the U.S. winter's average temperature was 2.7 degrees warmer than the (8) _____. Lauren Casey, a meteorologist with Climate Central, told the CNN news agency that climate change (9) _____ earlier and longer seasons for plants, causing a (10) _____ pollen. She said pollen was "the enemy" of people who suffer from allergies. She said pollen can trigger asthma (11) _____ mold allergies. Another scientist said: "Acting on climate change (12) _____ for people's health."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2303/230320-allergies.html>

1. What doesn't everyone in the world look forward to?
2. What do blooming plants bring?
3. What does the acronym NPN stand for?
4. What are the symptoms of hay fever causing?
5. What will the warmer weather prolong?
6. What did meteorologists blame for the warmer weather?
7. How much higher was the U.S. winter than the 20th century average?
8. Who does the meteorologist Lauren Casey work for?
9. What can pollen trigger?
10. What can pollen aggravate?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2303/230320-allergies.html>

- 1) What doesn't everyone in the world look forward to?
 - a) hay
 - b) the joys of spring
 - c) climate change
 - d) dread
- 2) What do blooming plants bring?
 - a) colourful birds
 - b) falling petals
 - c) honeybees
 - d) seasonal allergies
- 3) What does the acronym NPN stand for?
 - a) National Phenology Network
 - b) National of Pine Network
 - c) Nature Pollen Network
 - d) National Pollen Network
- 4) What are the symptoms of hay fever causing?
 - a) pollination
 - b) matters
 - c) misery
 - d) trajectories
- 5) What will the warmer weather prolong?
 - a) the blooming of flowers
 - b) hay fever season
 - c) the scent of flowers
 - d) the time bees spend pollinating
- 6) What did meteorologists blame for the warmer weather?
 - a) climate change
 - b) pollen
 - c) bees
 - d) people
- 7) How much higher was the U.S. winter than the 20th century average?
 - a) 2.5 degrees
 - b) 2.6 degrees
 - c) 2.7 degrees
 - d) 2.8 degrees
- 8) Who does the meteorologist Lauren Casey work for?
 - a) Climate Central
 - b) CNN
 - c) CNN Central
 - d) Climate CNN
- 9) What can pollen trigger?
 - a) asthma attacks
 - b) bad memories
 - c) guns
 - d) anxiety attacks
- 10) What can pollen aggravate?
 - a) itchiness
 - b) rashes
 - c) health
 - d) mold allergies

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2303/230320-allergies.html>

Role A – Pollen

You think an allergy to pollen is the worst allergy to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their allergies aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least annoying of these (and why): eggs, English or milk.

Role B – Eggs

You think an allergy to eggs is the worst allergy to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their allergies aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least annoying of these (and why): pollen, English or milk.

Role C – English

You think an allergy to English is the worst allergy to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their allergies aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least annoying of these (and why): eggs, pollen or milk.

Role D – Milk

You think an allergy to milk is the worst allergy to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their allergies aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least annoying of these (and why): eggs, English or pollen.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2303/230320-allergies.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'climate' and 'allergy'.

climate	allergy
----------------	----------------

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• everyone• delicate• bring• four• worse• planet	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• blaming• 2.7• longer• enemy• trigger• matter
---	---

ALLERGIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2303/230320-allergies.html>

Write five GOOD questions about allergies 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.

ALLERGIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'climate'?
3. What are the joys of spring?
4. How do you feel when you see flowers blossoming in spring?
5. What do you know about hay fever?
6. What allergies do you have?
7. What are the worst allergies to have?
8. How is climate change affecting you?
9. How bad are the symptoms of hay fever?
10. What trajectory is our planet on?

Climate change extends allergy season – 20th March 2023
Thousands more free lessons at [breakingnewsenglish.com](https://www.breakingnewsenglish.com)

ALLERGIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'allergy'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What does a phenologist study?
15. How have the temperatures where you live been?
16. What would it be like to be allergic to English?
17. What's your favourite season?
18. What do you know about asthma?
19. How does climate change affect our health?
20. What questions would you like to ask the meteorologist?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Copyright © breakingnewsenglish.com 2023

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2303/230320-allergies.html>

Not everyone in the world looks forward to the (1) ____ of spring. While many people take delight in observing the (2) ____ of newly-formed buds revealing their delicate blossoms, others (3) ____ this annual phenomenon. That's because blooming plants bring seasonal (4) ____ like hay fever. The National Phenology Network (NPN) in the USA has warned hay fever sufferers that spring has arrived up to four weeks earlier than usual. The pollen that causes so many symptoms is already causing (5) _____. To make matters worse, the warmer weather will prolong hay fever season. The NPN said: "It's a little unsettling. It perhaps isn't surprising, given the trajectory our planet is (6) _____."

Phenologists, climatologists and meteorologists are blaming climate change (7) _____ the unseasonably warmer weather. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported (8) _____ the U.S. winter's average temperature was 2.7 degrees warmer than the 20th century average. Lauren Casey, a meteorologist with Climate Central, told the CNN news agency that climate change is resulting (9) _____ earlier and longer seasons for plants, causing a greater (10) _____ of pollen. She said pollen was "the enemy" of people who suffer from allergies. She said pollen can (11) _____ asthma attacks and aggravate mold allergies. Another scientist said: "Acting on climate change really (12) _____ matter for people's health."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) joyous | (b) overjoyed | (c) joyful | (d) joys |
| 2. | (a) glaring | (b) gore | (c) gory | (d) glory |
| 3. | (a) dead | (b) dread | (c) death | (d) deathly |
| 4. | (a) allergens | (b) allergic | (c) allergies | (d) allegories |
| 5. | (a) misery | (b) miserly | (c) messy | (d) measly |
| 6. | (a) on | (b) up | (c) under | (d) at |
| 7. | (a) to | (b) at | (c) of | (d) on |
| 8. | (a) that | (b) which | (c) what | (d) wither |
| 9. | (a) in | (b) at | (c) on | (d) of |
| 10. | (a) truculence | (b) equivalence | (c) prevalence | (d) insolence |
| 11. | (a) barrel | (b) holster | (c) stock | (d) trigger |
| 12. | (a) takes | (b) does | (c) has | (d) is |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2303/230320-allergies.html>

Paragraph 1

1. people take delight in sovinbreg the glory
2. buds revealing their aiecltde blossoms
3. blooming plants bring aensolas allergies
4. hay fever rsfureesf
5. pollen that causes so many topssmmy
6. given the trjrcatoey our planet is on

Paragraph 2

7. oesotrolgmiset are blaming climate change
8. nsayelaosbun warmer weather
9. the U.S. winter's average emuarpteret
10. causing a greater rcaenelevp of pollen
11. pollen can trigger htasma attacks
12. gaaergvat mold allergies

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2303/230320-allergies.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) Not everyone in the world looks forward to the joys of spring. While many people take delight in
- () like hay fever. The National Phenology Network (NPN) in the USA has warned hay fever
- () observing the glory of newly-formed buds revealing their delicate blossoms, others
- () aggravate mold allergies. Another scientist said: "Acting on climate change really does matter for people's health."
- () enemy" of people who suffer from allergies. She said pollen can trigger asthma attacks and
- () in earlier and longer seasons for plants, causing a greater prevalence of pollen. She said pollen was "the
- () Phenologists, climatologists and meteorologists are blaming climate change for the unseasonably
- () warmer weather. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported that the U.S.
- () prolong hay fever season. The NPN said: "It's a little unsettling. It perhaps isn't surprising, given the trajectory our planet is on."
- () winter's average temperature was 2.7 degrees warmer than the 20th century average. Lauren Casey, a
- () dread this annual phenomenon. That's because blooming plants bring seasonal allergies
- () sufferers that spring has arrived up to four weeks earlier than usual. The pollen that causes so many
- () symptoms is already causing misery. To make matters worse, the warmer weather will
- () meteorologist with Climate Central, told the CNN news agency that climate change is resulting

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2303/230320-allergies.html>

1. We of spring . the joys forward to look
2. seasonal plants hay Blooming bring like fever . allergies
3. that The pollen many so symptoms . causes
4. season . hay The will prolong fever weather warmer
5. on . the is planet trajectory our Given
6. the unseasonably for weather . Blaming climate warmer change
7. causing for greater Longer plants seasons a prevalence .
8. said people . was pollen the enemy of She
9. asthma attacks . She pollen said trigger can
10. health . change matter for people's really does Climate

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2303/230320-allergies.html>

Not everyone *in / on* the world looks forward to the joys of spring. While many people take delight in observing the *gory / glory* of newly-formed buds revealing their *delicate / delicacy* blossoms, others dread this annual phenomenon. That's because *blooming / bloomed* plants bring seasonal allergies like hay fever. The National Phenology Network (NPN) in the USA has warned hay fever *surfers / sufferers* that spring has arrived *up / down* to four weeks earlier than *usual / usually*. The pollen that causes so many symptoms is already causing *misery / misers*. To make *matter / matters* worse, the warmer weather will prolong hay fever season. The NPN said: "It's a little unsettling. It perhaps isn't surprising, *taken / given* the trajectory our planet is on."

Phenologists, climatologists and meteorologists are *blamed / blaming* climate change for the *unreasonably / unseasonably* warmer weather. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration *retorted / reported* that the U.S. winter's average temperature was 2.7 degrees *warmth / warmer* than the 20th century average. Lauren Casey, a meteorologist with Climate Central, told the CNN news agency that climate change is resulting *on / in* earlier and longer seasons for plants, causing a greater *prevalent / prevalence* of pollen. She said pollen was "the enemy" *of / at* people who suffer from allergies. She said pollen can *holster / trigger* asthma attacks and *aggravate / aggro* mold allergies. Another scientist said: "Acting *in / on* climate change really does matter for people's health."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2303/230320-allergies.html>

N_t _v_ry_n_ _n th_ w_rld l__ks f_rw_rd t_ th_ j_ys
_f spr_ng. Wh_l_ m_ny p__pl_ t_k_ d_l_ght _n
_bs_rv_ng th_ gl_ry _f n_wly-f_rm_d b_ds r_v__l_ng
th__r d_l_c_t_ bl_ss_ms, _th_rs dr__d th_s _nn__l
ph_n_m_n_n. Th_t's b_c__s_ bl__m_ng pl_n_t_s br_ng
s__s_n_l _ll_rg__s l_k_ h_y f_v_r. Th_ N_t__n_l
Ph_n_l_gy N_tw_rk (NPN) _n th_ _S_ h_s w_rn_d h_y
f_v_r s_ff_r_rs th_t spr_ng h_s _rr_v_d _p t_ f__r
w__ks __rl__r th_n _s__l. Th_ p_ll_n th_t c__s_s s_
m_ny sympt_ms _s _lr__dy c__s_ng m_s_ry. T_ m_k_
m_tt_rs w_rs_, th_ w_rm_r w__th_r w_ll pr_l_ng h_y
f_v_r s__s_n. Th_ NPN s__d: "t's _ lttl_ _ns_ttl_ng.
_t p_rh_ps _sn't s_rpr_s_ng, g_v_n th_ tr_j_ct_ry __r
pl_n_t _s _n."

Ph_n_l_g_sts, cl_m_t_l_g_sts _nd m_t__r_l_g_sts _r_
bl_m_ng cl_m_t_ ch_ng_ f_r th_ _ns__s_n_bly w_rm_r
w__th_r. Th_ N_t__n_l _c__n_c _nd _tm_sph_r_c
_dm_n_str_t__n r_p_r_t_d th_t th_ _S. w_nt_r's _v_r_g_
t_m_p_r_t_r_ w_s 2.7 d_gr__s w_rm_r th_n th_ 20th
C_nt_ry _v_r_g_. L__r_n C_s_y, _ m_t__r_l_g_st w_th
Cl_m_t_ C_ntr_l, t_ld th_ CNN n_ws _g_ncy th_t
cl_m_t_ ch_ng_ _s r_s_lt_ng _n __rl__r _nd l_ng_r
s__s_n_s f_r pl_n_t_s, c__s_ng _ gr__t_r pr_v_l_nc_ _f
p_ll_n. Sh_ s__d p_ll_n w_s "th_ _n_my" _f p__pl_
wh_ s_ff_r fr_m _ll_rg__s. Sh_ s__d p_ll_n c_n tr_ggr
sthm _tt_cks _nd _ggr_v_t_ m_ld _ll_rg__s. _n_th_r
sc__nt_st s__d: "_ct_ng _n cl_m_t_ ch_ng_ r__lly d__s
m_tt_r f_r p__pl_'s h__lth."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2303/230320-allergies.html>

not everyone in the world looks forward to the joys of spring while many people take delight in observing the glory of newlyformed buds revealing their delicate blossoms others dread this annual phenomenon thats because blooming plants bring seasonal allergies like hay fever the national phenology network npn in the usa has warned hay fever sufferers that spring has arrived up to four weeks earlier than usual the pollen that causes so many symptoms is already causing misery to make matters worse the warmer weather will prolong hay fever season the npn said its a little unsettling it perhaps isnt surprising given the trajectory our planet is on phenologists climatologists and meteorologists are blaming climate change for the unseasonably warmer weather the national oceanic and atmospheric administration reported that the us winters average temperature was 27 degrees warmer than the 20th century average lauren casey a meteorologist with climate central told the cnn news agency that climate change is resulting in earlier and longer seasons for plants causing a greater prevalence of pollen she said pollen was the enemy of people who suffer from allergies she said pollen can trigger asthma attacks and aggravate mold allergies another scientist said acting on climate change really does matter for peoples health

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com//2303/230320-allergies.html>

Noteveryoneintheworldlooksforwardtothejoysofspring.Whilemanypeopletookdelightinobservingthegloryofnewly-formedbudsrevealingtheir delicateblossoms,othersdreadthisannualphenomenon.That'sbecausebloomingplantsbringseasonalallergieslikehayfever.TheNationalPhenologyNetwork(NPN)intheUSAhaswarnedhayfeversufferers thatspringhasarriveduptofourweeksearlierthanusual.Thepollen thatcausesmany symptomsisalreadycausingmisery.Tomakemattersworse,thewarmerweatherwillprolonghayfeverseason.TheNPNsaid:"It'salittleunsettling.Itperhapsisn'tsurprising,giventhetrajectoryourplanetison."Phenologists,climatologistsandmeteorologistsareblamingclimatechangefortheunseasonablywarmerweather.TheNationalOceanicandAtmosphericAdministrationreportedthattheU.S.winter'saverage temperaturewas2.7degreeswarmerthanthe20thcenturyaverage.LaurenCasey,ameteorologistwithClimateCentral,toldtheCNNnewsagencythatclimatechangeisresultinginearlierandlongerseasonsforplants,causingagreaterprevalenceofpollen.Shesaidpollenwas"theenemy"ofpeoplewhosufferfromallergies.Shesaidpollencantriggerasthmaattacksandaggravatemoldallergies.Another scientist said:"Actiononclimatechangereallydoesmatterforpeople'shealth."

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. ALLERGIES: Make a poster about allergies. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. CLIMATE CHANGE: Write a magazine article about all governments spending most of their budgets on turning around climate change. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on allergies. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to alleviate the effects of allergies. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. e 3. f 4. a 5. b 6. g 7. d
8. i 9. j 10. m 11. l 12. k 13. n 14. h

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 T 4 F 5 F 6 F 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. e	3. j	4. c	5. b
6. h	7. i	8. f	9. a	10. d

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The joys of spring
2. Seasonal allergies
3. National Phenology Network
4. Misery
5. Hay fever season
6. Climate change
7. 2.7 degrees
8. Climate Central
9. Asthma attacks
10. Mold allergies

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. We look forward to the joys of spring.
2. Blooming plants bring seasonal allergies like hay fever.
3. The pollen that causes so many symptoms.
4. The warmer weather will prolong hay fever season.
5. Given the trajectory our planet is on.
6. Blaming climate change for the unseasonably warmer weather.
7. Longer seasons for plants causing a greater prevalence.
8. She said pollen was the enemy of people.
9. She said pollen can trigger asthma attacks.
10. Climate change really does matter for people's health.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)