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Atlantic Ocean circulatory current could collapse

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The system of ocean currents that maintains our temperate weather could collapse. The Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC), which brings heat from the Caribbean to the north Atlantic, could fail within 50 years. It has been weakening for decades due to global warming. The northern Atlantic is the only global region that is cooling. Experts now believe the chance of AMOC crossing the tipping point this century has increased from 10 to 50 per cent.

Meteorologists say the failure of AMOC would have "devastating and irreversible impacts, which will affect the entire world for centuries". It would negatively disrupt weather and the lives of hundreds of millions of people. Temperatures in the U.K. could become 15°C lower. Colder weather could "potentially threaten the viability of agriculture" in Europe. Tropical monsoons could shift south, causing drought, famine, climate refugees and geopolitical tensions.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2024/oct/23/we-dont-know-where-the-tipping-point-is-climate-expert-on-potential-collapse-of-atlantic-circulation>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The system of ocean | a. for decades |
| 2. temperate | b. Caribbean |
| 3. heat from the | c. the tipping point |
| 4. fail within | d. 10 to 50 per cent |
| 5. It has been weakening | e. 50 years |
| 6. the only global region | f. currents |
| 7. the chance of AMOC crossing | g. that is cooling |
| 8. increased from | h. weather |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. devastating and irreversible | a. refugees |
| 2. affect the entire world | b. impacts |
| 3. Temperatures in the U.K. could | c. causing drought |
| 4. threaten the viability | d. for centuries |
| 5. tropical | e. tensions |
| 6. shift south, | f. of agriculture |
| 7. climate | g. become 15°C lower |
| 8. geopolitical | h. monsoons |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The (1) _____ currents that maintains our temperate (2) _____. The Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC), which brings heat from the Caribbean to the north Atlantic, (3) _____ 50 years. It has been weakening (4) _____ to global warming. The northern Atlantic is the only global region (5) _____. Experts now believe the chance of AMOC crossing the (6) _____ century has increased from 10 to 50 per cent.

Meteorologists say (7) _____ AMOC would have "devastating (8) _____, which will affect the entire world for centuries". It (9) _____ weather and the lives of hundreds of millions of people. Temperatures in the U.K. could become 15°C lower. Colder weather could "potentially (10) _____ of agriculture" in Europe. (11) _____ shift south, causing (12) _____ refugees and geopolitical tensions.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WEATHER PATTERNS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about weather patterns 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **weather patterns** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
