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## **Level 0**

### **Record number of flowers bloom**

**12th January, 2015**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/2015/150112-flowers-0.html>

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/2015/150112-flowers-0.html>

Scientists in the U.K. are surprised at how many flowers are open this winter. Usually, about 25 different flowers are open.

This year, scientists found 368. Some are five months early.

This is because of climate change. Britain had its warmest year last year. A scientist said: "This year, the total [number of flowers] has amazed us."

The scientist said warmer winters changed when flowers open.

Usually, the snow stops flowers from opening, but not this year. The most common flowers to open were daisies. Britain's weather agency said: "All months except August were warmer than average, and this was the warmest year on record for the UK."

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-30754443>  
<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/climate/uk/summaries/2014/annual>  
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2904215/Wild-plants-defy-cold-numbers-flower-time-year-soaring-hundreds.html>

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Scientists in the U.K. are      | a. 368              |
| 2. how many flowers are            | b. year last year   |
| 3. 25 different flowers            | c. early            |
| 4. This year, scientists found     | d. are open         |
| 5. Some are five months            | e. amazed us        |
| 6. This is because of climate      | f. surprised        |
| 7. Britain had its warmest         | g. change           |
| 8. the total number of flowers has | h. open this winter |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. warmer                        | a. flowers from opening |
| 2. changed when                  | b. warmer than average  |
| 3. the snow stops                | c. flowers open         |
| 4. but not this                  | d. on record            |
| 5. The most common flowers to    | e. year                 |
| 6. Britain's weather             | f. winters              |
| 7. All months except August were | g. open were daisies    |
| 8. the warmest year              | h. agency               |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/2015/150112-flowers-0.html>

Scientists in the U.K. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ how many flowers are (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Usually, about 25 different flowers are open. This year, (3) \_\_\_\_\_.

Some are five months early. This is because (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Britain had (5) \_\_\_\_\_ last year. A scientist said: "This year, the total [number of flowers] (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

The scientist said warmer (7) \_\_\_\_\_ flowers open. Usually, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ flowers from opening, (9) \_\_\_\_\_. The most common flowers to open were daisies. Britain's (10) \_\_\_\_\_ said: "All months except August were (11) \_\_\_\_\_, and this was the warmest year (12) \_\_\_\_\_ UK."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## 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

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/2015/150112-flowers-0.html>

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

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