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Amazon rainforest fires are an international crisis

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The Amazon rainforest is burning at a scary rate. French President Emmanuel Macron said the record number of fires is an "international crisis". There has been an 85 per cent increase in fires this year. Mr Macron said urgent action is needed. He said 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."

German Chancellor Angela Merkel called the fires an "acute emergency". She said they were "shocking". She added that the fires threatened Brazil, its neighbors, and the whole world. The UK leader Boris Johnson 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." UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said: "In the midst of the global climate crisis, we cannot afford more damage to a major source of oxygen and biodiversity. The Amazon must be protected."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. rainforest is burning at | a. burning |
| 2. Mr Macron said urgent action | b. agenda |
| 3. top of the | c. international crisis |
| 4. the G7 summit of | d. a scary rate |
| 5. He tweeted about how serious | e. oxygen |
| 6. Our house is | f. world leaders |
| 7. 20% of our planet's | g. the fires are |
| 8. It is an | h. is needed |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Merkel called the fires an | a. damage |
| 2. its neighbors, and the whole | b. wonders |
| 3. bring them under | c. be protected |
| 4. protect one of Earth's greatest | d. world |
| 5. In the midst of the global | e. control |
| 6. we cannot afford more | f. oxygen |
| 7. a major source of | g. climate crisis |
| 8. The Amazon must | h. "acute emergency" |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Amazon rainforest is burning at (1) _____.
French President Emmanuel Macron said the record number of fires is an "international crisis". There (2) _____ 85 per cent increase in (3) _____. Mr Macron said urgent action is needed. He said the fires should be top (4) _____ at the G7 summit of world leaders. He tweeted about how serious the fires are. He wrote: "Our (5) _____. Literally. The Amazon rain forest - the lungs which produce 20% of (6) _____ - is on fire. It is an international crisis."

German Chancellor Angela Merkel (7) _____ an "acute emergency". She said they were "shocking". She added (8) _____ threatened Brazil, its neighbors, and (9) _____. The UK leader Boris Johnson called the fires "heartbreaking". He said: "We stand (10) _____ whatever help we can to bring them under control and help protect one of Earth's greatest wonders." UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said: "In (11) _____ the global climate crisis, 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

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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) _____

