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## Level 6

### July was hottest month in recorded history

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# THE ARTICLE

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# WARM-UPS

**1. HOTTEST MONTHS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about hottest months. 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?

official / planet / temperature / NASA / records / hottest / July / record / month / 2016 / science / website / prehistoric / period / fossil fuels / climate change / conspiracy theory

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

**3. CLIMATE CHANGE:** Students A **strongly** believe we can tackle climate change; Students B **strongly** believe we can't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. HOT:** How does extreme heat affect these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How it affects you	What you do
Hobbies		
Parks		
Sleep		
Studying		
Shopping		
Walking		

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

**6. ENERGY:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- solar
- coal
- nuclear
- biofuels
- oil
- wind farms
- hydroelectricity
- wave power

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1608/160819-hottest-month.html>

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

- a. The figures for July's record temperatures came from NASA. **T / F**
- b. Scientists began recording Earth's temperatures 136 years ago. **T / F**
- c. July 2016 was 0.11°C hotter than July 2011. **T / F**
- d. The year 2016 is now the hottest year on record. **T / F**
- e. A science website said Earth was much hotter in prehistoric times. **T / F**
- f. A meteorology expert said he was alarmed by the record temperature. **T / F**
- g. A news organization said El Niño was not responsible for the record. **T / F**
- h. An Australian politician said climate change was responsible for the record. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. recording   | a. ancient      |
| 2. data        | b. considerable |
| 3. absolutely  | c. event        |
| 4. substantial | d. probability  |
| 5. straight    | e. figures      |
| 6. prehistoric | f. specialist   |
| 7. likelihood  | g. successive   |
| 8. expert      | h. documenting  |
| 9. phenomenon  | i. falsifying   |
| 10. corrupting | j. no doubt     |

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

- |  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. since scientists started                  | a. month             |
| 2. It beat the previous hottest July in 2011 | b. theory            |
| 3. a substantial                             | c. on record         |
| 4. the tenth straight                        | d. prehistoric times |
| 5. the hottest year                          | e. fossil fuels      |
| 6. the hottest month since                   | f. by 0.11 degrees   |
| 7. the last interglacial period ended        | g. phenomenon        |
| 8. the burning of                            | h. recording         |
| 9. the El Niño weather                       | i. 125,000 years ago |
| 10. a conspiracy                             | j. amount            |

# GAP FILL

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*absolutely*  
*straight*  
*recording*  
*breaking*  
*previous*  
*record*  
*reveal*  
*substantial*

The science website gizmodo.com stated that July could be the hottest month since (9) \_\_\_\_\_ times. It said: "In all (10) \_\_\_\_\_, it was the hottest month since the last interglacial (11) \_\_\_\_\_ ended 125,000 years ago." Meteorology (12) \_\_\_\_\_ professor Jason Furtado said: "It's a little (13) \_\_\_\_\_ to me that we're going through these records like nothing this year." The news organization Climate Central reported that the record temperatures of the past few years have been caused by the burning of (14) \_\_\_\_\_ fuels and the occurrence of the El Niño weather phenomenon. However, Australian politician Malcolm Roberts recently (15) \_\_\_\_\_ climate change as a conspiracy (16) \_\_\_\_\_ and accused NASA of corrupting climate change data.

*fossil*  
*likelihood*  
*theory*  
*expert*  
*prehistoric*  
*rubbished*  
*period*  
*alarming*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) the hottest month on Earth since scientists started recording the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. planetary temperatures
  - b. planet's temperatures
  - c. planets temperatures
  - d. planets' temperatures
- 2) the Earth hit its hottest temperatures since records began \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. 136 years hence
  - b. 136 years past
  - c. 136 years ago
  - d. 136 years since
- 3) by 0.11 degrees Celsius, which scientists say is a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. substance amount
  - b. substantial amount
  - c. substantive amount
  - d. substantiate amount
- 4) According to NASA, July was the tenth \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. straight month
  - b. row month
  - c. line month
  - d. successively month
- 5) It looks like the year 2016 might now become the hottest \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. year on record
  - b. year in record
  - c. year at record
  - d. year of record
- 6) gizmodo.com stated that July could be the hottest month since \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. peer histrionic times
  - b. plea historical times
  - c. plea history times
  - d. prehistoric times
- 7) It said: "In all likelihood, it was the hottest month since the \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. last intergalactic period
  - b. last interracial period
  - c. last interfacial period
  - d. last interglacial period
- 8) It's a little alarming to me that we're going through these records \_\_\_\_\_ year
  - a. like thingy this
  - b. like something this
  - c. like nothing this
  - d. like no one this
- 9) record temperatures of the past few years have been caused by the \_\_\_\_\_ fuels
  - a. burning for fossil
  - b. burning of fossil
  - c. burning on fossil
  - d. burning at fossil
- 10) politician Malcolm Roberts recently rubbished climate change as \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a conspiracy theoretical
  - b. a conspiracy theorise
  - c. a conspiracy theories
  - d. a conspiracy theory

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1608/160819-hottest-month.html>

1. Which organisation compiled the data on the record temperatures?
2. When did scientists first start recording Earth's temperature?
3. When was the previous hottest July?
4. By how much did July 2016 beat the previous record for the hottest July?
5. For how many months in a row have there been record temperatures?
6. When did a website say records could go back to?
7. When did the last interglacial period end?
8. Who is Jason Furtado?
9. What weather phenomenon was mentioned as being a cause of the heat?
10. What did an Australian politician say climate change was?



# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1608/160819-hottest-month.html>

- 1) Which organisation compiled the data on the record temperatures?
  - a) IMF
  - b) NATO
  - c) UN
  - d) NASA
- 2) When did scientists first start recording Earth's temperature?
  - a) 1366
  - b) 136 years ago
  - c) 1936
  - d) 1,360 years ago
- 3) When was the previous hottest July?
  - a) 136 years ago
  - b) 1976
  - c) last year
  - d) 2011
- 4) By how much did July 2016 beat the previous record for the hottest July?
  - a) 0.11° F
  - b) 11° F
  - c) 0.11° C
  - d) 11° C
- 5) For how many months in a row have there been record temperatures?
  - a) 7
  - b) 8
  - c) 9
  - d) 10
- 6) When did a website say records could go back to?
  - a) the year 0
  - b) the start of the Industrial Revolution
  - c) prehistory
  - d) 1688
- 7) When did the last interglacial period end?
  - a) 125,000 years ago
  - b) last Thursday morning
  - c) 1366
  - d) 136 years ago
- 8) Who is Jason Furtado?
  - a) Nelly Furtado's uncle
  - b) a weather man for CNN
  - c) a meteorology expert
  - d) the owner of the gizmodo.com website
- 9) What weather phenomenon was mentioned as being a cause of the heat?
  - a) rain
  - b) El Niño
  - c) a typhoon
  - d) the Indian monsoon
- 10) What did an Australian politician say climate change was?
  - a) a conspiracy theory
  - b) up in the air
  - c) cold, hard facts
  - d) alarming

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1608/160819-hottest-month.html>

## **Role A – Solar energy**

You think solar is the best form of energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): nuclear, wind or oil.

## **Role B – Nuclear energy**

You think nuclear is the best form of energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): solar, wind or oil.

## **Role C – Wind farms**

You think wind is the best form of energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): nuclear, solar or oil.

## **Role D – oil**

You think oil is the best form of energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): nuclear, wind or solar.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1608/160819-hottest-month.html>

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

<b>hot</b>	<b>month</b>
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- 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"><li>• recording</li><li>• reveal</li><li>• 136</li><li>• 0.11</li><li>• tenth</li><li>• looks</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• times</li><li>• period</li><li>• expert</li><li>• burning</li><li>• weather</li><li>• theory</li></ul>
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# HOTTEST MONTHS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about hottest months 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.

# HOTTEST MONTHS DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'temperature'?
3. What's your favourite temperature and why?
4. How worried are you by climate change?
5. What is the cause of climate change?
6. What do you think about what you read?
7. What does it mean for Earth that temperatures are rising?
8. What do you do to cope with high temperatures?
9. Is this story newsworthy if records only go back 136 years?
10. How has the weather changed in your country?

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# HOTTEST MONTHS 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 July being the hottest for 125,000 years?
13. How alarming do you think climate change is?
14. What is your country doing about climate change?
15. What do you think a meteorologist does every day?
16. How can we reduce our use of fossil fuels?
17. What do you know about El Niño?
18. Could climate change be a conspiracy theory?
19. What proof is there that climate change is created by humans?
20. What questions would you like to ask the meteorologists?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

- |     |                  |                  |                 |                   |
|-----|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1.  | (a) for          | (b) ago          | (c) when        | (d) since         |
| 2.  | (a) repeal       | (b) rebel        | (c) revel       | (d) reveal        |
| 3.  | (a) absolved     | (b) absolutely   | (c) absolute    | (d) absolution    |
| 4.  | (a) at           | (b) on           | (c) by          | (d) of            |
| 5.  | (a) substantive  | (b) substantiate | (c) substantial | (d) substance     |
| 6.  | (a) straight     | (b) linear       | (c) row         | (d) succession    |
| 7.  | (a) epoch        | (b) times        | (c) era         | (d) period        |
| 8.  | (a) period       | (b) yearly       | (c) calendar    | (d) timings       |
| 9.  | (a) ringing      | (b) alarming     | (c) snoozing    | (d) timing        |
| 10. | (a) at           | (b) on           | (c) by          | (d) of            |
| 11. | (a) constipation | (b) consistency  | (c) conspiracy  | (d) contemplative |
| 12. | (a) heating      | (b) tricking     | (c) ghosting    | (d) corrupting    |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. It's lficaoif
2. blloaeuyts the hottest month
3. since the suatnneirltm records began
4. 0.11 sdegeer Celsius
5. a tnsautlbasi amount
6. record-breaking erprtuaetmse

## Paragraph 2

7. the hottest month since pirseiohtrc times
8. In all oldilokihe
9. the burning of lsfios fuels
10. the El Niño weather hnnopmoeen
11. a nsacoypcip theory
12. accused NASA of optgnurirc climate change data



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1608/160819-hottest-month.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) The science website gizmodo.com stated that July could be the hottest month since prehistoric
- ( ) through these records like nothing this year." The news organization Climate Central reported that the
- ( ) to NASA, July was the tenth straight month of record-breaking temperatures. It looks
- ( ) years ago." Meteorology expert professor Jason Furtado said: "It's a little alarming to me that we're going
- ( **1** ) It's official – July was the hottest month on Earth since scientists started recording the planet's temperatures. Data
- ( ) hottest temperatures since records began 136 years ago. NASA spokesman Gavin Schmidt tweeted: "July 2016 was
- ( ) like the year 2016 might now become the hottest year on record.
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- ( ) by 0.11 degrees Celsius, which scientists say is a substantial amount. According
- ( ) absolutely the hottest month since the instrumental records began." It beat the previous hottest July in 2011
- ( ) of the El Niño weather phenomenon. However, Australian politician Malcolm Roberts recently rubbished climate change
- ( ) from America's National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) reveal that last month, the Earth hit its
- ( ) record temperatures of the past few years have been caused by the burning of fossil fuels and the occurrence
- ( ) as a conspiracy theory and accused NASA of corrupting climate change data.

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1608/160819-hottest-month.html>

1. planet's Since started the temperatures scientists recording .
2. Its began hottest 136 temperatures years since ago records .
3. beat 0.11 by July the degrees in previous It 2011 hottest .
4. straight breaking month temperatures of The record tenth - .
5. 2016 might now become the hottest It looks like the year .
6. hottest July month could since be prehistoric the times .
7. ended the The last hottest interglacial month period since .
8. like going nothing through this these year records We're .
9. occurrence El Fossil the the phenomenon and of Niño fuels .
10. as recently a rubbished conspiracy climate theory change Roberts .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1608/160819-hottest-month.html>

It's official – July was the hottest month *in / on* Earth since scientists started recording the planet's temperatures. Data from America's National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) *reveals / reveal* that last month, the Earth *hit / pounded* its hottest temperatures since records began 136 years ago. NASA spokesman Gavin Schmidt tweeted: "July 2016 was *absolute / absolutely* the hottest month since *an / the* instrumental records began." It beat the *previous / previously* hottest July in 2011 *by / with* 0.11 degrees Celsius, which scientists say is *the / a* substantial amount. According to NASA, July was the tenth *row / straight* month of record-breaking temperatures. It looks like the year 2016 might now become the hottest year *on / in* record.

The science website gizmodo.com stated that July could be the hottest month since prehistoric *time / times*. It said: "In all *liking / likelihood*, it was the hottest month since the last interglacial *periodical / period* ended 125,000 years ago." Meteorology *expert / expertise* professor Jason Furtado said: "It's a little *alarmed / alarming* to me that we're going through these records like nothing *last / this* year." The news organization Climate Central reported that the record temperatures of the past few years have been caused *from / by* the burning of fossil fuels and the *occurs / occurrence* of the El Niño weather phenomenon. However, Australian politician Malcolm Roberts recently *rubbished / rubbishes* climate change as a *complacency / conspiracy* theory and accused NASA of corrupting climate change data.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

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

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\_t's \_ff\_c\_\_l - J\_ly w\_s th\_ h\_tt\_st m\_nth \_n \_\_rth  
s\_nc\_ sc\_\_nt\_sts st\_rt\_d r\_c\_rdn\_g th\_ pl\_n\_t's  
t\_mp\_r\_t\_r\_s. D\_t\_ fr\_m \_m\_r\_c\_'s N\_t\_\_n\_l  
\_\_r\_n\_\_t\_cs \_nd Sp\_c\_ \_dm\_n\_str\_t\_\_n (N\_S\_) r\_v\_\_l  
th\_t l\_st m\_nth, th\_ \_\_rth h\_t \_ts h\_tt\_st t\_mp\_r\_t\_r\_s  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

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If we stop using fossil fuels, climate change will go away. Discuss.

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# 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 climate change. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. HOTTEST MONTHS:** Make a poster about record hot and cold temperatures and how they affect people's lives. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. CLIMATE CHANGE:** Write a magazine article about climate change and how we need to stop using fossil fuels immediately. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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 climate change. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to help reverse climate change. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T    b T    c T    d F    e F    f T    g F    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. recording   | a. documenting  |
| 2. data        | b. figures      |
| 3. absolutely  | c. no doubt     |
| 4. substantial | d. considerable |
| 5. straight    | e. successive   |
| 6. prehistoric | f. ancient      |
| 7. likelihood  | g. probability  |
| 8. expert      | h. specialist   |
| 9. phenomenon  | i. event        |
| 10. corrupting | j. falsifying   |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. NASA
2. 136 years ago
3. 2011
4. 0.11 degrees
5. 10
6. Prehistoric times
7. 125,000 years ago
8. A meteorology expert and professor
9. El Niño
10. A conspiracy theory

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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