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Arctic Circle sees highest-ever temperatures

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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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Meteorologists have found another sign of global warming. There were record temperatures in the Arctic Circle. The temperature reached 38° Celsius in a town in Siberia. The town holds the world record for the greatest temperature range on Earth. It changes from minus 68°C to 37.3°C. The heatwave is 18 degrees higher than usual. This is ringing alarm bells. Climatologists say the Arctic Circle is warming at twice the rate of the global average.

A scientist is very worried about rising temperatures. He said: "Year-on-year temperature records are being broken around the world....We will see more of this in the near future." A professor said: "This is a warning message from the Earth itself. We ignore it at our peril." Scientists say higher temperatures in Siberia could accelerate global warming. The melting permafrost is increasing dangerous levels of carbon dioxide and methane.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. record temperatures | a. warming |
| 2. The town holds the world | b. range |
| 3. the greatest temperature | c. global average |
| 4. minus | d. record |
| 5. The heatwave is 18 | e. alarm bells |
| 6. This is ringing | f. in the Arctic Circle |
| 7. the Arctic Circle is | g. degrees higher |
| 8. twice the rate of the | h. 68°C |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. A scientist is very | a. and methane |
| 2. rising | b. this |
| 3. Year-on-year temperature | c. our peril |
| 4. We will see more of | d. Earth itself |
| 5. in the near | e. worried |
| 6. a warning message from the | f. future |
| 7. We ignore it at | g. temperatures |
| 8. carbon dioxide | h. records |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Meteorologists have found (1) _____ global warming. There were (2) _____ the Arctic Circle. The temperature reached 38° Celsius in a town in Siberia. The town (3) _____ record for the greatest temperature range on Earth. It (4) _____ 68°C to 37.3°C. The heatwave is 18 degrees higher than usual. This is (5) _____. Climatologists say the Arctic Circle is warming at (6) _____ of the global average.

A scientist is very (7) _____ temperatures. He said: "Year-on-year temperature records are (8) _____ the world....We will see more of this in (9) _____." A professor said: "This is a warning message from the Earth itself. We ignore it (10) _____." Scientists say higher temperatures in Siberia could accelerate global warming. (11) _____ is increasing dangerous levels of carbon (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GLOBAL WARMING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about global warming 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) _____

