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Level 5 – 15th August, 2022

'Warm banks' spread in UK as heating costs rise

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220815-warm-banks-5.html>

The UK is a very wealthy country, but people are having difficulties paying energy bills. Electricity and gas bills could rise fourfold this year. Even people on good salaries are feeling the pinch. Lower-paid workers and retirees may be faced with a stark choice of heating or eating. Many towns have a temporary solution. They are converting libraries into spaces where people can stay warm for free. These are called "heat banks". A UK money-saving expert is dumbfounded by the idea of warm banks in his country. The UK already has hundreds of food banks.

Britons are taking drastic measures to avoid rising energy costs. One woman has turned off her fridge and is keeping her food in cold water. A man switched off his electric kettle and is drinking water instead of hot drinks. Last winter, a lady used her free bus pass to sit on a warm bus all day instead of sitting at home in the cold. People are angry with oil companies who are making record profits. The government is reluctant to introduce a one-off tax on these companies. Each year in the UK, around 11,400 deaths are caused by cold weather. This figure will rise further this year.

Sources: <https://metro.co.uk/2022/07/14/warm-banks-to-be-set-up-this-winter-but-what-are-they-16998804/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. The UK is a very wealthy | a. dumbfounded |
| 2. people are having | b. bills |
| 3. Electricity and gas | c. spaces |
| 4. feeling the | d. of food banks |
| 5. be faced with a stark | e. country |
| 6. converting libraries into | f. choice |
| 7. A UK money-saving expert is | g. difficulties |
| 8. The UK already has hundreds | h. pinch |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Britons are taking drastic | a. by cold weather |
| 2. avoid rising energy | b. record profits |
| 3. A man switched off his | c. further this year |
| 4. a lady used her free | d. tax |
| 5. oil companies who are making | e. bus pass |
| 6. a one-off | f. measures |
| 7. around 11,400 deaths are caused | g. electric kettle |
| 8. This figure will rise | h. costs |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UK is a (1) _____, but people are having difficulties (2) _____. Electricity and gas bills could rise fourfold this year. Even people on good salaries are feeling the pinch. Lower-paid (3) _____ may be faced with a stark choice of heating or eating. Many towns have a temporary solution. (4) _____ libraries into spaces where people can stay (5) _____. These are called "heat banks". A UK (6) _____ is dumbfounded by the idea of warm banks in his country. The UK already has hundreds of food banks.

Britons (7) _____ measures to avoid rising energy costs. One woman has (8) _____ fridge and is keeping her food in cold water. A man switched off his electric kettle and is drinking water (9) _____ drinks. Last winter, a lady used her free bus pass to sit on a warm bus all day (10) _____ at home in the cold. People are angry with oil companies who are (11) _____. The government is reluctant to introduce a one-off tax on these companies. Each year in the UK, around 11,400 deaths are caused by cold weather. This figure will (12) _____ year.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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KEEPING WARM SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2208/220815-warm-banks-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about keeping warm 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) _____

