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Level 0 – 20th July 2023

UN says extreme heat is the new normal

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

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THE READING

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The UN has said extreme heat is "the new normal". There are more and longer heatwaves. This week, parts of the USA and China were over 50°C. Death Valley was 53.9°C and Xinjiang was 52.2°C. Japan issued a heat alert. It asked people to stay in the shade and drink plenty of water.

The UN said we need to cut greenhouse gas emissions. It said we need to change our lives because heatwaves are "the new normal". They are affecting our health and water supplies. The heat is making people change their travel plans. A woman tried to "escape the heat" by going to Rome, but said it was hotter than Texas.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-66229057>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Climate change is causing | a. alerts |
| 2. record | b. over 50°C |
| 3. the mercury went | c. another month |
| 4. in Xinjiang, China, it got | d. more heatwaves |
| 5. issued heat | e. of water |
| 6. stay in the | f. up to 52.2°C |
| 7. drink plenty | g. hot weather |
| 8. heatwaves could continue for | h. shade |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. cut greenhouse | a. adapt |
| 2. having a major impact | b. capital |
| 3. help society | c. their travel plans |
| 4. making holidaymakers change | d. hometown in Texas |
| 5. choosing to holiday | e. gas emissions |
| 6. escape | f. in cooler countries |
| 7. the Italian | g. on human health |
| 8. hotter than her | h. the heat |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UN (1) _____ heat is "the new normal".

There (2) _____ longer heatwaves. This week,

(3) _____ USA and China were over 50°C. Death

Valley was 53.9°C and Xinjiang was 52.2°C. Japan

(4) _____ alert. It (5) _____

stay in the shade and drink (6) _____.

The UN said we (7) _____ greenhouse gas

emissions. It (8) _____ to change our lives

because (9) _____ new normal". They are

affecting our (10) _____ supplies. The heat is

making people change (11) _____ . A woman tried

to "escape the heat" by going to Rome, but said

(12) _____ than Texas.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HEATWAVES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about heatwaves 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **heatwaves** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
