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Level 1 – 20th July 2023

UN says extreme heat is the new normal

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230720-heatwaves-1.html>

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230720-heatwaves-1.html>

The UN has warned that extreme heat is "the new normal". There are more heatwaves and they are longer and hotter. In the past week, parts of the USA and China were over 50°C. In Death Valley, it was 53.9°C; and in Xinjiang, it got up to 52.2°C. Japan has issued a heat alert. It asked people to stay in the shade and drink plenty of water. The UN warned the heatwaves could continue for another month.

The UN warned we need to cut greenhouse gas emissions. It said heatwaves are having, "a major impact on human health...and water supplies." It said society needs to "adapt to what is unfortunately becoming the new normal". The heat is making people change their travel plans. They are going to cooler countries. A woman tried to "escape the heat" by going to Rome, but said that was hotter than her hometown in Texas.

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

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. extreme | a. and hotter |
| 2. There are more | b. month |
| 3. they are longer | c. heat |
| 4. in the past | d. of water |
| 5. Japan has issued | e. heatwaves |
| 6. stay in | f. a heat alert |
| 7. drink plenty | g. week |
| 8. continue for another | h. the shade |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. we need to cut greenhouse | a. needs to adapt |
| 2. heatwaves are having a | b. the heat |
| 3. society | c. change |
| 4. The heat is making people | d. hometown in Texas |
| 5. travel | e. major impact |
| 6. They are going to | f. plans |
| 7. A woman tried to escape | g. gas emissions |
| 8. hotter than her | h. cooler countries |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UN has (1) _____ heat is "the new normal". There are more heatwaves and they are (2) _____. In the past week, parts of the USA and China were over 50°C. In Death Valley, it was 53.9°C; and in Xinjiang, it (3) _____ 52.2°C. Japan has issued (4) _____. It asked people to stay in the shade and (5) _____ water. The UN warned the heatwaves could continue (6) _____.

The UN warned we (7) _____ greenhouse gas emissions. It said heatwaves are having, "(8) _____ on human health...and water supplies." It said society (9) _____ to what is unfortunately becoming the new normal". The heat is making people change (10) _____. They are going to cooler countries. A woman tried to "(11) _____" by going to Rome, but said that was (12) _____ hometown in Texas.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HEATWAVES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230720-heatwaves-4.html>

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) _____

