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**Level 1** – 16th August, 2021

## Scientists say July was hottest month ever

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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/2108/210816-hottest-month-ever-1.html>

We see floods, fires and heatwaves on TV nearly every day. Scientists just announced that July was the hottest month ever. The scientists said: "July is typically the world's warmest month of the year, but July 2021 outdid itself as the hottest July and hottest month ever." Earth's land and ocean temperature in July was 0.93 degree Celsius higher than the 20th-century average. The Northern Hemisphere was 1.54 degrees Celsius hotter than average.

The scientists are worried. They said: "In this case, first place is the worst place to be." The U.N. just issued a 4,000-page report on climate change. It said humans had changed the climate. It wrote: "It is [clear] that human influence has warmed the atmosphere, ocean and land." It said extreme weather would continue. Every region will experience "multiple changes" in weather. There will be baking heat and floods.

Sources: <https://www.npr.org/2021/08/13/1027521725/july-hottest-month-in-recorded-human-history>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. We see floods, fires and     | a. temperature     |
| 2. Scientists just announced    | b. month ever      |
| 3. the world's warmest month    | c. than average    |
| 4. the hottest July and hottest | d. heatwaves on TV |
| 5. Earth's land and ocean       | e. Hemisphere      |
| 6. higher than the 20th-century | f. that            |
| 7. The Northern                 | g. of the year     |
| 8. 1.54 degrees Celsius hotter  | h. average         |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                      |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. first place is the            | a. and land          |
| 2. humans had changed            | b. in weather        |
| 3. human                         | c. worst place to be |
| 4. warmed the atmosphere, ocean  | d. floods            |
| 5. It said extreme weather would | e. region            |
| 6. every                         | f. influence         |
| 7. experience multiple changes   | g. continue          |
| 8. baking heat and               | h. the climate       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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We (1) \_\_\_\_\_ and heatwaves on TV nearly every day. Scientists just announced that July was the hottest month ever. The scientists said: "July (2) \_\_\_\_\_ world's warmest month of the year, but July 2021 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the hottest July and hottest month ever." Earth's (4) \_\_\_\_\_ temperature in July was 0.93 degree Celsius higher than (5) \_\_\_\_\_ average. The Northern Hemisphere was 1.54 degrees Celsius (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The scientists are worried. They said: "(7) \_\_\_\_\_, first place is the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ be." The U.N. just issued a 4,000-(9) \_\_\_\_\_ climate change. It said humans had changed the climate. It wrote: "It is [clear] that (10) \_\_\_\_\_ warmed the atmosphere, ocean and land." It said (11) \_\_\_\_\_ continue. Every region will experience "multiple changes" in weather. There will be (12) \_\_\_\_\_ floods.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOT WEATHER SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2108/210816-hottest-month-ever-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about hot weather 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) \_\_\_\_\_

