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India's 40-degree heatwave

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

It is roasting hot in India right now. Roasting hot is even hotter than boiling hot. One city in the country reached 46 degrees. A man said the heat made his eyes sting. People don't want to go outside. The heat is good for people who sell sugar cane juice and water melon. They are doing good business. Lots of people are also selling water bottles. There are many mini water stores on the street. Such hot weather is unusual in India. The last time it was so hot was 50 years ago. The hot weather is stopping people from voting in the election.

I can't imagine 46-degree heat. It must be like sitting in a pizza oven. I think you would die. You have to drink lots of water. If you don't drink a lot of water, you will die. I live in a country where thirty degrees is the maximum. That's better for me. When it's too hot, you sweat, and I don't really like sweating. I think it's hot because of global warming. I'm a bit worried about this. I always read on the news that the Earth might die. We have to use less energy. If we do this, people in India will not be so hot.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. roasting | a. degrees |
| 2. reached 46 | b. good business |
| 3. sugar | c. hot |
| 4. They are doing | d. in the election |
| 5. Such hot weather | e. cane juice |
| 6. voting | f. is unusual |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. I can't imagine 46-degree | a. oven |
| 2. a pizza | b. you sweat |
| 3. thirty degrees is | c. warming |
| 4. When it's too hot, | d. the maximum |
| 5. global | e. energy |
| 6. We have to use less | f. heat |

LISTENING GAP FILL

It is roasting hot in India right now. Roasting _____ than boiling hot. One city in the country reached 46 degrees. A man said the heat _____. People don't want to go outside. The heat is good for people _____ cane juice and water melon. They _____ business. Lots of people are also selling water bottles. There are many mini water stores on the street. Such hot weather _____ India. The last time it was so hot was 50 years ago. The hot weather is stopping people _____ the election.

I can't imagine 46-_____. It must be like sitting in a pizza oven. I think you would die. You have to drink lots of water. If you _____ of water, you will die. I live in a country where thirty degrees _____. That's better for me. When it's too hot, you sweat, and _____ sweating. I think it's hot because of global warming. I'm _____ this. I always read on the news that the Earth might die. We have to use less energy. If we do this, people in India _____.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

It is roasting hot in India right now. Roasting hot is (1) _____ hotter than boiling hot. One city in the country reached 46 degrees. A man said the heat (2) _____ his eyes sting. People don't want to go outside. The heat is good for people who sell sugar cane juice and water melon. They are doing (3) _____ business. Lots of people are also selling water bottles. There are many mini water stores on the street. (4) _____ hot weather is unusual in India. The last time it was so hot was 50 years ago. The hot weather is stopping people (5) _____ voting in the election.

I can't (6) _____ 46-degree heat. It must be like sitting in a pizza oven. I think you would die. You (7) _____ to drink lots of water. If you don't drink a lot of water, you will die. I live in a country (8) _____ thirty degrees is the maximum. That's better for me. When it's too hot, you sweat, and I don't really like sweating. I think it's hot because of global warming. I'm a (9) _____ worried about this. I always read on the news that the Earth might die. We have to use (10) _____ energy. If we do this, people in India will not be so hot.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) evenly | (b) even | (c) event |
| 2. | (a) made | (b) gave | (c) happened |
| 3. | (a) well | (b) good | (c) best |
| 4. | (a) So | (b) Soon | (c) Such |
| 5. | (a) from | (b) with | (c) for |
| 6. | (a) imagination | (b) imaginary | (c) imagine |
| 7. | (a) must | (b) have | (c) should |
| 8. | (a) where | (b) when | (c) that |
| 9. | (a) small | (b) tiny | (c) bit |
| 10. | (a) few | (b) smaller | (c) less |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. rgiostna hot
2. giinolb hot
3. made his eyes itngs
4. sugar cane cieju
5. Such hot weather is launusu
6. noitgv in the election

Paragraph 2

7. 46-eredge heat
8. a azzip oven
9. When it's too hot, you aewst
10. global wmrgani
11. I'm a bit ordwier
12. use less gnyeer

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () maximum. That's better for me. When it's too hot, you sweat, and I don't really like sweating. I think it's hot because
- () degrees. A man said the heat made his eyes sting. People don't want to go outside. The heat is good for people who sell
- () sugar cane juice and water melon. They are doing good business. Lots of people are also selling water
- () of global warming. I'm a bit worried about this. I always read on the news that the Earth might
- () I can't imagine 46-degree heat. It must be like sitting in a pizza oven. I think you would die. You have to drink lots
- () bottles. There are many mini water stores on the street. Such hot weather is unusual in India. The last time it was so
- () of water. If you don't drink a lot of water, you will die. I live in a country where thirty degrees is the
- () die. We have to use less energy. If we do this, people in India will not be so hot.
- (**1**) It is roasting hot in India right now. Roasting hot is even hotter than boiling hot. One city in the country reached 46
- () hot was 50 years ago. The hot weather is stopping people from voting in the election.

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. in It India is right roasting now hot.

2. 46 in degrees the country One reached city.

3. his sting The made eyes heat.

4. people juice who sell Good sugar for cane.

5. weather hot Such India in unusual is.

6. heat degree - 46 imagine can't I.

7. have You water of lots drink to.

8. too it's When sweat you , hot.

9. hot of warming It's because global.

10. not People be in so India hot will.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

HOMWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about heatwaves. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about heatwaves. Include imaginary interviews with two people, one who lives in freezing Alaska, the other who lives in the desert.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to a hot Indian. Ask him/her three questions about heatwaves. Write three of your opinions on heatwaves.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.