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Level 5 – 20th March 2023

Climate change extends allergy season

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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/2303/230320-allergies-5.html>

Not everyone looks forward to the joys of spring. Many people take delight in looking at flower buds revealing their delicate blossoms, but others hate this. This is because pollen from the plants bring allergies like hay fever. Scientists in the USA warned hay fever sufferers that spring has arrived up to four weeks early. The pollen that causes so many symptoms is already causing misery. To make things worse, the warmer weather will make the hay fever season longer. The scientists said the longer hay fever season was not surprising, "given the trajectory our planet is on".

Meteorologists are blaming climate change for the warmer weather. A U.S. weather tracker reported that the winter's average temperature was 2.7 degrees warmer than the 20th century average. Meteorologist Lauren Casey told CNN that climate change is resulting in earlier and longer seasons for plants. This is causing more pollen. She called pollen "the enemy" of people who suffer from allergies. She said pollen can trigger asthma attacks and worsen mold allergies. Another scientist said: "Acting on climate change really does matter for people's health."

Sources: <https://news.yahoo.com/allergy-season-starts-earlier-now-thanks-to-climate-change-171913889.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. everyone looks forward to the joys | a. to four weeks early |
| 2. people take delight in | b. blossoms |
| 3. revealing their delicate | c. is on |
| 4. allergies like | d. misery |
| 5. spring has arrived up | e. of spring |
| 6. already causing | f. worse |
| 7. To make things | g. looking at flower buds |
| 8. the trajectory our planet | h. hay fever |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Meteorologists are | a. "the enemy" |
| 2. A U.S. weather | b. century average |
| 3. winter's average | c. allergies |
| 4. warmer than the 20th | d. tracker |
| 5. resulting in earlier and | e. asthma attacks |
| 6. She called pollen | f. blaming climate change |
| 7. pollen can trigger | g. longer seasons |
| 8. worsen mold | h. temperature |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Not everyone looks forward to the (1) _____.
Many people take delight in looking (2) _____
revealing their delicate blossoms, but others hate this. This is
because pollen from the plants bring (3) _____
fever. Scientists in the USA warned hay (4) _____
spring has arrived up to four weeks early. The pollen that causes so
many symptoms is (5) _____. To make things
worse, the warmer weather will make the hay fever season longer.
The scientists said the longer hay fever season was not surprising,
"given the (6) _____ is on".

Meteorologists are blaming climate change for the warmer weather.
A U.S. (7) _____ that the winter's average
temperature was 2.7 degrees warmer than the
(8) _____. Meteorologist Lauren Casey told CNN
that climate change is resulting in earlier and longer seasons for
plants. This is causing more pollen. She called
(9) _____ of people who suffer from allergies. She
said (10) _____ asthma attacks and
(11) _____. Another scientist said: "Acting on
climate change (12) _____ for people's health."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ALLERGIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2303/230320-allergies-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about allergies 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) _____

