

Heat Waves in Summer

B1 Reading, Vocabulary & Grammar Worksheet

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Part 1: New Words & Phrasal Verbs

Read the words and their meanings.

Word / Phrasal Verb	Meaning
break out	to start suddenly (used for fires, wars, disease, or bad situations)
emissions	gases released into the air, especially ones that harm the environment
die down	to become less strong or less intense
urging	strongly encouraging someone to do something
cool off	to become cooler, or to relax and calm down after being hot or upset
isolated	happening alone, not connected to other similar events
cut short	to end something earlier than planned
intensity	the strength or degree of something
head home	to travel back home
vulnerable	easily harmed or affected by something

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Part 2: Reading

This text uses the Simple Present, Present Continuous, Simple Past, and Present Perfect. Read the text.

Heat waves have broken out across Europe several times this summer, and forecasters say the trend is likely to carry on. Meteorologists explain that climate change is making extreme weather events more frequent and more severe.

Right now, a powerful heat wave is affecting large parts of Spain, Italy, and Greece. Temperatures are climbing well above 40°C, and several regions have already broken their all-time records. One city in southern Spain has experienced its hottest week since records began, and there is no sign of the heat dying down.

Last Tuesday, the temperature in that city reached 44.6°C, beating the previous record by almost two degrees. Since then, local hospitals have treated hundreds of people for heat exhaustion, and authorities have opened emergency cooling centres so people can cool off during the hottest hours.

The heat has also had a serious impact on tourism. Several popular attractions have closed early every afternoon this week, and some airlines have cancelled flights because runways became too hot for safe takeoff. Many tourists have never experienced heat like this before, and some have had to cut their holidays short and head home early.

Experts warn that this is not an isolated event. Heat waves have increased in both frequency and intensity over the past decade, and scientists predict that this trend will carry on unless global emissions fall significantly. For now, health authorities are urging everyone to look after themselves and their neighbours: stay hydrated, avoid the midday sun, and check in on anyone who is vulnerable.

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Part 3: Vocabulary Practice — Match the word to the meaning

Write the correct letter in the blank.

Word		Meaning
1. break out	___	A. to become less strong or less intense
2. emissions	___	B. to end something earlier than planned
3. die down	___	C. to start suddenly (used for fires, wars, disease, or bad situations)
4. urging	___	D. gases released into the air, especially ones that harm the environment
5. cool off	___	E. happening alone, not connected to other similar events
6. isolated	___	F. to become cooler, or to relax and calm down after being hot or upset
7. cut short	___	G. strongly encouraging someone to do something
8. intensity	___	H. easily harmed or affected by something
9. head home	___	I. to travel back home
10. vulnerable	___	J. the strength or degree of something

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Part 4: Synonyms (same meaning)

Circle the option with the same meaning.

1. Which option means the same as "break out"?

☐ A) erupt suddenly

☐ B) fade away

☐ C) continue calmly

2. Which option means the same as "die down"?

☐ A) fade away

☐ B) grow stronger

☐ C) begin suddenly

3. Which option means the same as "urging"?

☐ A) strongly encouraging

☐ B) discouraging

☐ C) ignoring

4. Which option means the same as "isolated"?

☐ A) single, unconnected

☐ B) common, widespread

☐ C) well organised

5. Which option means the same as "vulnerable"?

☐ A) exposed to harm

☐ B) well protected

☐ C) extremely strong

Part 5: Antonyms (opposite meaning)

Circle the word with the opposite meaning.

1. Which word means the opposite of "die down"?

- ☐ A) intensify
- ☐ B) disappear
- ☐ C) continue

2. Which word means the opposite of "cool off"?

- ☐ A) heat up
- ☐ B) slow down
- ☐ C) calm down

3. Which word means the opposite of "vulnerable"?

- ☐ A) protected
- ☐ B) tired
- ☐ C) isolated

4. Which word means the opposite of "isolated"?

- ☐ A) widespread
- ☐ B) unusual
- ☐ C) sudden

5. Which word means the opposite of "cut short"?

- ☐ A) extend
- ☐ B) cancel
- ☐ C) delay

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Part 6: Grammar — Which tense is used?

Read each sentence from the text. Circle the correct tense: Simple Present, Present Continuous, Simple Past, or Present Perfect.

1. "Experts warn that this is not an isolated event."

☐ A) Simple Present

☐ B) Present Continuous

☐ C) Simple Past

☐ D) Present Perfect

2. "Forecasters say the trend is likely to carry on."

☐ A) Simple Present

☐ B) Present Continuous

☐ C) Simple Past

☐ D) Present Perfect

3. "Right now, a powerful heat wave is affecting large parts of Spain."

☐ A) Simple Present

☐ B) Present Continuous

☐ C) Simple Past

☐ D) Present Perfect

4. "Temperatures are climbing well above 40°C."

☐ A) Simple Present

☐ B) Present Continuous

☐ C) Simple Past

☐ D) Present Perfect

5. "Last Tuesday, the temperature in that city reached 44.6°C."

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☐ B) Present Continuous

☐ C) Simple Past

☐ D) Present Perfect

6. "Runways became too hot for safe takeoff."

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☐ B) Present Continuous

☐ C) Simple Past

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7. "Heat waves have broken out across Europe several times this summer."

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☐ B) Present Continuous

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8. "Local hospitals have treated hundreds of people for heat exhaustion."

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Part 7: Grammar — Choose the correct verb form

1. Right now, a heat wave ____ large parts of Spain.

- ☐ A) affects
- ☐ B) is affecting
- ☐ C) has affected

2. Forecasters ____ the trend is likely to continue.

- ☐ A) say
- ☐ B) are saying
- ☐ C) have said

3. Last Tuesday, the temperature ____ 44.6°C.

- ☐ A) reaches
- ☐ B) has reached
- ☐ C) reached

4. Heat waves ____ more frequent over the past decade.

- ☐ A) become
- ☐ B) became
- ☐ C) have become

5. Several regions ____ their all-time records already.

- ☐ A) break
- ☐ B) broke
- ☐ C) have broken

6. Runways ____ too hot for safe takeoff yesterday.

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7. Health authorities ____ everyone to stay hydrated these days.

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8. Local hospitals ____ hundreds of people since Tuesday.

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Part 8: Grammar — Change the tense

1. Change to Present Perfect: "The temperature reached a record."

☐ A) The temperature has reached a record.

☐ B) The temperature is reaching a record.

☐ C) The temperature reaches a record.

2. Change to Simple Past: "Heat waves have broken out across Europe."

☐ A) Heat waves broke out across Europe.

☐ B) Heat waves break out across Europe.

☐ C) Heat waves are breaking out across Europe.

3. Change to Present Continuous: "Temperatures climb above 40°C."

☐ A) Temperatures are climbing above 40°C.

☐ B) Temperatures climbed above 40°C.

☐ C) Temperatures have climbed above 40°C.

4. Change to Present Perfect: "Authorities open cooling centres."

☐ A) Authorities have opened cooling centres.

☐ B) Authorities are opening cooling centres.

☐ C) Authorities opened cooling centres.

5. Change to Simple Present: "Scientists have warned about the trend."

☐ A) Scientists warn about the trend.

☐ B) Scientists warned about the trend.

☐ C) Scientists are warning about the trend.

Part 9: Word Scramble

Put the words in the correct order. Write the full sentence.

1. are / Temperatures / 40 / well / climbing / above / degrees.

Your sentence: _____

2. already / Several / regions / have / broken / their / all-time / records.

Your sentence: _____

3. have / Local / hospitals / treated / hundreds / of / people.

Your sentence: _____

4. have / Some / airlines / cancelled / flights.

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5. have / Heat / waves / increased / in / intensity.

Your sentence: _____

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Part 10: Dialogue — Complete the conversation

Maria and Diego talk about the heat wave. Circle the best word or phrase for each blank.

Maria: Have you seen the news about Spain?

Diego: Yes, a serious heat wave has broken out this week. Temperatures right now ____ (1) ____ well above 40°C.

Maria: I read that one city broke its record last Tuesday. It ____ (2) ____ 44.6°C that day.

Diego: Wow. Experts say heat waves ____ (3) ____ more common every year.

Maria: Do you think it will ____ (4) ____ down soon?

Diego: I doubt it. Scientists say heat waves have ____ (5) ____ in intensity over the last decade.

Maria: That's worrying. Are hospitals coping?

Diego: They ____ (6) ____ hundreds of people for heat exhaustion already this week.

Maria: I hope things ____ (7) ____ soon. My cousin had to cut her holiday ____ (8) ____ and head home early.

Diego: Yeah, it's a real problem for tourism too.

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- ☐ A) are climbing
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3. Blank 3

- ☐ A) become
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4. Blank 4

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☐ C) break

5. Blank 5

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6. Blank 6

☐ A) have treated

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7. Blank 7

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☐ B) warm up

☐ C) speed up

8. Blank 8

☐ A) short

☐ B) off

☐ C) out

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Answer Key

Part 3: Vocabulary Matching

1. break out → C
2. emissions → D
3. die down → A
4. urging → G
5. cool off → F
6. isolated → E
7. cut short → B
8. intensity → J
9. head home → I
10. vulnerable → H

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✓ Local hospitals have treated hundreds of people.

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✓ Some airlines have cancelled flights.

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Part 10: Dialogue

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