

Life/ Levels 3-4

Reading comprehension

Read the article (Wild weather) and choose the correct option.

1 The article says extreme weather is...

- a becoming more common.
- b not a natural occurrence.
- c hard for scientists to understand.

2 According to the article, extreme weather is a problem because...

- a we can't predict it.
- b it affects places where lots of people live.
- c it's often very destructive.

3 Extreme weather can be caused by...

- a satellites above the Earth.
- b water vapor in the atmosphere.
- c very hot summers.

Read the article again and choose the correct option.

4 Why was the rain in Nashville considered to be an extreme event?

- a There was a lot of rain over a long time period.
- b It doesn't usually rain in Nashville.
- c There was a lot of rain in a short time.

5 What happened after the extreme rain in Rio de Janeiro?

- a There were major floods.
- b There were many deaths.
- c Millions of people were affected.

6 What caused many deaths in 2003?

- a a period of hot weather
- b floods that followed a bad summer
- c a long drought

7 Which of these is the basis of normal weather patterns?

- a greenhouse gases
- b human activity
- c El Niño and La Niña

8 Where does atmospheric water vapor come from?

- a the land
- b the ocean
- c greenhouse gases

9 We can use satellites to...

- a change where storms will happen.
- b trap greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.
- c measure changes in atmospheric water vapor.

10 According to Michael Oppenheimer...

- a we don't understand extreme weather events.
- b we can limit the effects of extreme weather.
- c we can stop climate change.