

El Niño proves it sets record global temperatures

B2+/C1 Reading comprehension match-up

1. Planet Earth's global average temperature has...
2. July's heatwave establishes a new record reaching...
3. Countries around the world have been...
4. Scientists identify a number of causes for this, one...
5. In Spanish *El Niño* means *The Boy*, and is the term...
6. Because of this marine change, experts...
7. Climate researcher Leon Simons...
8. He warns it is "a significant symbolic milestone in our warming world", and that...
9. This July shattered the previous record...
10. Data reveal that this was during...
11. Other calculations by scientists...
12. What has also been instrumental to the new record is the...
13. Societies illustrate this underlying problem with their dependence on...
14. To combat the problem and raise...
15. This phrase puts forward the aim of no...

- A. ...acknowledges the record is not encouraging.
- B. ...being the return of a weather pattern called El Niño.
- C. ...into the decimal points of 17.18 degrees Celsius.
- D. ...propose that this July was the hottest in about 125,000 years.
- E. ...awareness, the phrase *net zero* is often used.
- F. ...topped records this month, note researchers.
- G. ...the previous El Niño cycle.
- H. ...for when the surface water temperature of the Pacific Ocean rises.
- I. ...harmful emissions being made by society's actions.
- J. ...hint at even higher temperature fluctuations.
- K. ...gripped by the sudden warmth.
- L. ...vehicles and the exhaust fumes they make.
- M. ...because of El Niño we are on the threshold of "a lot more daily, monthly and annual records breaking in the next 1.5 years".
- N. ...temperature of 16.92C from August 2016.
- O. ...increase in carbon dioxide.

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Answers

1F, 2C, 3K, 4B, 5H, 6J, 7A, 8M, 9N, 10G, 11D, 12O, 13L, 14E, 15I

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