

El Niño proves it sets record global temperatures

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Planet Earth's global average temperature has topped records this month, note researchers. July's 1._____ establishes a new record reaching into the decimal points of 17.18 degrees Celsius. Countries around the world have been 2._____ by the sudden warmth. Scientists 3._____ a number of causes for this, one being the return of a weather pattern called El Niño.

In Spanish *El Niño* means *The Boy*, and is the term for when the surface water temperature of the Pacific Ocean rises. Because of this marine change, experts 4. (two words) _____ even higher temperature 5._____. Climate researcher Leon Simons 6._____ the record is not encouraging. He 7._____ it is "a significant symbolic milestone in our warming world", and that because of El Niño we are on the 8._____ of "a lot more daily, monthly and annual records breaking in the next 1.5 years".

This July 9._____ the previous record temperature of 16.92C from August 2016. Data reveal that this was during the previous El Niño cycle. Other 10._____ by scientists 11._____ that this July was the hottest in about 125,000 years.

What has also been 12._____ to the new record is the increase in carbon dioxide. Societies illustrate this 13._____ problem with their dependence on vehicles and the exhaust fumes they make. To 14._____ the problem and raise awareness, the phrase *net zero* is often used. This phrase puts forward the aim of no harmful 15._____ being made by society's actions.

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Answers

1. heatwave
2. gripped
3. identify
4. hint at
5. fluctuations
6. acknowledges
7. warns
8. threshold
9. shattered
10. calculations
11. propose
12. instrumental
13. underlying
14. combat
15. emissions

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Writing practice

Choose a question and write your answer below.

1. How can we use nature-friendly modes of transport more?
2. What is your favourite season and why?
3. What items can you use to keep yourself cool on a hot day?
4. What life milestones are there?
5. What types of energy sources can you name?

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