

SUMMER FIRES

Read the article and for each gap choose the correct option.

In the past, summer fires were common in Australia. Now, because of climate change, there's an even higher ⁰ number than there used to be. And they're larger, too. Recently, one fire grew so powerful that it ¹ a tornado nearly 500 metres wide. It destroyed many homes in the capital city, Canberra. These unlucky houses were situated less than 100 metres from a large ² of pine trees on the edge of the city. Several individual fires started burning and, because it was difficult for firefighters to ³ them, they continued to burn. When the wind speed suddenly ⁴ a few days later, the fires joined together. Scientists now ⁵ this Australia's first 'fire tornado'. This was an extremely rare ⁶ in Australia's history and was produced by storms which accompanied the fire.

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| 1 A handled | B created | C succeeded | D designed |
| 2 A piece | B land | C area | D part |
| 3 A reach | B get | C arrive | D travel |
| 4 A improved | B raised | C lifted | D increased |
| 5 A call | B tell | C describe | D believe |
| 6 A action | B issue | C event | D challenge |