

WEATHER

Grammar-in-Context

- Complete the paragraph by circling the correct words.

Our planet's weather is a topic that is becoming more and more popular nowadays. This is because many places in our world (1)_____ hotter and, in fact, many scientists say that 2015 may be the hottest year our earth has ever seen. More and more ice is melting at the north and south poles of our planet, and with less ice (2)_____ fewer and fewer polar bears. Unfortunately, we may not be able to stop (3)_____ changes before our world becomes a much more difficult place to live in. Let's face it, the weather on our planet is just very difficult to understand and even more difficult to control. Here is a very (4)_____ example of our world's strange weather: one Roman man called 'Pliny the Elder' (5)_____ about frogs raining from the skies almost two thousand years ago. Can this possibly be true? Yes, it can! Furthermore, not only can frogs 'rain', but also fish and other small animals. This can sometimes happen when (6)_____ brings strong winds which blow over the tops of oceans or lakes. Small frogs and fish (7)_____ very heavy, so they can be picked up by the wind into clouds (8)_____ carried over land where they fall down. Just a few frogs might rain down or maybe many more. In 2005, people in the European country of Serbia (9)_____ outside their homes after a storm and they discovered thousands of frogs trying to (10)_____ back to water. The Huffington Post, an online news service, tells of many more places in the world where this has happened. If you (11)_____ to see what 'raining frogs' looks like, you can do a quick YouTube search for the 1999 movie 'Magnolia' (starring Tom Cruise). It shows thousands of frogs falling down on a small town (12)_____ the United States.

1.

- (A) becomes
- (B) is becoming
- (C) are becoming
- (D) become

2.

- (A) there have
- (B) there is
- (C) there
- (D) there are

3.

- (A) these
- (B) this
- (C) that
- (D) them

4.

- (A) interesting
- (B) interest
- (C) interested
- (D) interests

5.

- (A) write
- (B) wrote
- (C) is writing
- (D) are writing

6.

- (A) the storm
- (B) storm
- (C) an storm
- (D) a storm

7.

- (A) does not
- (B) is not
- (C) do not
- (D) are not

8.

- (A) but
- (B) so
- (C) and
- (D) because

9.

- (A) walk
- (B) walked
- (C) walking
- (D) walks

10.

- (A) hop
- (B) hopped
- (C) hops
- (D) hopping

11.

- (A) are interesting
- (B) interesting
- (C) are interested
- (D) interest

12.

- (A) on
- (B) in
- (C) by
- (D) at