

# FORECASTING NEW WORDS

## Match synonyms

- 1.unforeseen
- 2.lexicon
- 3.neologism
- 4.poll
- 5.garnered
- 6.decade
- 7.rose
- 8.records
- 9.logged
- 10.average

- survey
- archives
- ten years
- new word
- the norm
- unexpected
- gathered
- registered
- dictionary
- increased

## Complete the paragraphs with the words provided

cruelly poll unforeseen garnered item selected creation forecasting

Climate change is having an (1) \_\_\_\_\_ consequence on language – the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of new words. The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) has introduced a new (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of vocabulary into the Japanese lexicon. The neologism is the word "kokushobi," which literally means "(4) \_\_\_\_\_ hot day" or "harshly hot day". The JMA will use it when describing or (5) \_\_\_\_\_ days when temperatures are 40°C or above. The JMA conducted an online (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of weather-based terminology. The questionnaire was prompted by the scorching weather experienced in Japan in recent years. Website visitors (7) \_\_\_\_\_ their most preferred word. There were 478,000 responses. The word kokushobi (8) \_\_\_\_\_ nearly 203,000 votes.

records past logged ever further compared reported mercury

There has been record-breaking heat in Japan in the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ decade. The JMA (10) \_\_\_\_\_ days of 40°C or above every year since 2018. In August 2025, the town of Isesaki, Gunma Prefecture, recorded the highest temperature (11) \_\_\_\_\_ observed in Japan. The (12) \_\_\_\_\_ rose to 41.8°C. There were a (13) \_\_\_\_\_ nine days when temperatures were 40°C. More records were broken in 2025. This was the hottest year since (14) \_\_\_\_\_ began in 1898. Temperatures were 2.36°C above average. The Mainichi newspaper wrote: "Tokyo recorded 25 days over 35°C, (15) \_\_\_\_\_ with an annual average of just 4.5 days. Kyoto (16) \_\_\_\_\_ 52 days above that temperature, compared with an average of 18.5 days."

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