



UNIT 1 - READING WORKSHEET #2

READING COMPREHENSION SECTION #1

DATE: _____

WEATHER CHANGE

We've always had extreme weather. Do you know that there is more extreme weather now than in the past? According to many scientists, this change started when people started to burn coal, oil and gas.

The average temperature on Earth is rising. Some droughts are longer and hotter. More of the ice on mountains melts faster. If this water goes to the sea, the sea level rises.



Different places have different changes in the weather. Some places have less rain. Other places have less rain. Other places have more rain and floods. In most places, there are more storms. Storms are stronger, too. The warmer sea temperatures make hurricanes stronger.

Weather change is a fact. But we can do something. For example, we can make factories and cars more efficient. That way, we can burn less coal, oil, and gas. We can also build stronger houses in safer areas. We can use less energy.

There are also some practical things that everyone can do to be prepared for more extreme weather. People should have a plan and supplies for emergencies. People who live in areas that can flood or in hurricane areas should evacuate in an emergency.



The coldest temperature ever recorded on Earth was -97.7°C (-144°F) on an ice sheet deep in the middle of Antarctica.



UNIT 1 - READING WORKSHEET #3
READING COMPREHENSION SECTION #1

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CIRCLE THE BEST ANSWER

1. When the weather gets warmer,
 - a. ice on mountains melts faster.
 - b. the seas rise.
 - c. both a and b.
2. To slow weather change, we can
 - a. build stronger houses.
 - b. burn less coal, oil, and gas.
 - c. both a and b.
3. Hurricanes are stronger because
 - a. the sea water is warmer.
 - b. droughts are longer and hotter.
 - c. people don't evacuate.



**WRITE WHAT YOU LEARNED FROM THE TEXT. THEN WORK WITH A PARTNER.
COMPARE YOUR ANSWERS.**

What did you know?

What did you learn?

What do you want to know?