HEATWAVE IN WESTERN CANADA AND UNITED STATES



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1 Warm up

In pairs, discuss the following questions.

1. What is the hottest temperature you normally experience in your country? What time of year is this likely to happen?
2. What is the coldest temperature you normally experience in your country? What time of year is this likely to happen?
3. Match the following words to the photographs.

ice pack | fan | air conditioning (AC) | ice cubes



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Which, if any, of these things do you use in your country if it gets hot? Is there anything else you do to stay cool?

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2 Focus on vocabulary

Part A: Match the words to the definitions.

1. forecast (n)	a. a period of time when it is far hotter than usual in a particular area
2. heatwave (n)	b. a place which provides safety from the weather and danger
3. shelter (n)	c. a prediction of what will take place in the future
4. dozen (n)	d. connected to making goods and products, especially in a factory
5. concerned (adj.)	e. important or not seen previously
6. historic (adj.)	f. showing that you are worried about something
7. emission (n)	g. the making of gas, heat or light
8. industrial (adj.)	h. twelve of a particular item

Part B: Now write the words from Part A in the correct gap in the following sentences.

1. I'm feeling quite _____ about my daughter. She's been very quiet lately and seems to be quite sad.
2. I thought we could all have a cooked breakfast tomorrow, so I bought a _____ eggs and some bacon.
3. It started raining really hard while we were walking, so we had to find a _____ to stay dry.
4. The _____ for tomorrow says it's going to be hot and sunny, but I'm going to take a jacket. They've been wrong before.
5. And on the right, you will see Boston's _____ Old State House, one of the oldest buildings in America which is now a museum ...
6. They say there's a _____ starting tomorrow, so I'm going to make sure we have enough ice.
7. The government plans to reduce the country's carbon dioxide _____ by 30% over the next ten years.
8. With the increase in _____ activity in the town, there has also been a rise in pollution.

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Part C: Underline the best form of the word to complete the sentence.

1. He seems to be completely **concerned/concern/unconcerned** about his exams. He says he's confident that he will do well.
2. They are **forecasting/forecast/forecasted** rain for tomorrow, so we should take umbrellas.
3. It was while we were **shelters/sheltering/shelter** from the storm under my umbrella that we kissed for the first time. It was really quite romantic!
4. I find the **historically/historic/history** of this country fascinating! So many things have happened here!
5. The device **emits/emission/emissions** a signal every 10 seconds so we can see exactly where it is going.
6. The main **industrial/industry/industrialise** in this town has always been producing cars. Everyone works for the local factories in some way.

Part D: Now answer the following questions.

1. Are **heatwaves** something you experience in your country? How long do temperatures usually stay high for?
2. Is the weather **forecast** in your country usually correct? Is it something you pay attention to while you are living there, or is it not so important? Why?
3. Which **historic** events in your country did you learn about when you were at school?
4. If you were outside in your country and needed to make a **shelter**, what materials would you need to build it?
5. Which food or items might you buy in a **dozen** in your country?
6. What are you **concerned** about in your life at the moment? Why?
7. Which areas in your country are **industrial**? What is made there?

3 Watching/listening for details

In the news report, the following things are mentioned. Why do you think they are mentioned?

1. A village in Canada
2. 12 pm to 5 pm
3. Homeless people
4. The Middle East

Now watch/ listen to the news report and check your answers.

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4 Watching/listening comprehension

Watch again and choose the correct answer to the following questions.

1. How long will the high temperatures last?
   a. over a week
   b. for the rest of this week
   c. for the next month

2. Why is the temperature which was mentioned important?
   a. It was the highest temperature ever recorded in Canada.
   b. It was the highest temperature recorded this year in the world.
   c. It was the highest temperature recorded this year in Canada.

3. What does the news report say that people have been buying more of?
   a. ice and cold drinks
   b. swimming pools
   c. air conditioning units

4. Who are the authorities worried about in the heat?
   a. school children
   b. old people
   c. babies

5. In the news report, who does it say is worried about the connection between climate change and the new high temperatures?
   a. the government
   b. the public
   c. experts

6. According to the news report, what have scientists linked industrial activity to?
   a. extreme weather events
   b. unusually hot weather
   c. air and water pollution

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