

READING

1 Read the first two paragraphs of an article and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

SIX surprising results of climate change

1 Most people have a general idea about what global warming ⁰ involves. After all, the data that shows rising temperatures and ¹ _____ ice caps is there for all to see. Sea ² _____ are rising at a rate of about four millimetres per year. That may not sound like much, but the Earth's changing climate is already ³ _____ problems.

2 Not ⁴ _____ is global warming shrinking glaciers and creating more powerful hurricanes, but it also seems to be causing more forest fires than ever before. Recent wildfires in the western USA have both covered more ground and ⁵ _____ for longer. Their increased size and frequency mean that firefighters have a much harder time putting them ⁶ _____. What is more, there is a ⁷ _____ relationship between the warmer temperatures and the early arrival of spring. When the snow disappears, forest ⁸ _____ become drier and stay dry for longer, which increases the chance that they might catch fire.

0 A includes	B involves	C requires	D concerns
1 A melting	B dropping	C fading	D dissolving
2 A heights	B measures	C lengths	D levels
3 A causing	B making	C resulting	D proving
4 A just	B only	C really	D alone
5 A stayed	B taken	C lasted	D rested
6 A off	B out	C over	D down
7 A clear	B straight	C simple	D clean
8 A fields	B parts	C places	D areas