

# "Scientists say July was hottest month ever"

## GAP FILL

We hear about climate change (1) pretty much every day now. We see pictures of floods, fires and heatwaves on TV news. Scientists have just (2) announced that July was the hottest month ever recorded. The (3) scientists are from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in the USA. A spokesperson from NOAA said: "July is (4) typically the world's warmest month of the year, but July 2021 (5) outdid itself as the hottest July and hottest month ever." NOAA said Earth's land and ocean (6) surface temperature in July was 0.93 degree Celsius (7) higher than the 20th-century average of 15.8 degrees Celsius. The Northern Hemisphere was 1.54 degrees Celsius hotter than (8) average.

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The NOAA spokesperson said this new record was (9) worrying. He said: "In this case, first place is the worst (10) place to be." The announcement from NOAA comes a (11) week after a 4,000-page report on climate change from the United Nations. Its report is from the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). It (12) clearly stated that humans had changed the climate. It wrote: "It is [clear] that human (13) influence has warmed the atmosphere, ocean and land." A (14) total of 234 scientists from 66 countries worked on the report. It warns that extreme weather will continue to get worse. It says "every (15) region" will experience "multiple changes" in weather, like (16) sweltering heat and flooding.

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1. I'm taking my sister out as she \_\_\_ any sun for a long time.  
A) **hasn't had**      B) haven't had      C) hadn't been  
D) will have      E) shall have
2. He \_\_\_ ill for three months already.  
A) was      B) **has been**      C) is  
D) have been      E) were
3. Who goes sightseeing?  
A) **Nina does.**      B) We shall.      C) We did.  
D) I did.      E) She has.
4. I usually \_\_\_ a blouse and jeans at home, but today I \_\_\_ on a new dress.  
A) **wear/have** put      B) have worn/have put  
C) wore/has put      D) wears/has put  
E) will wear/put
5. What \_\_\_ the president \_\_\_?  
-He \_\_\_ a contract.  
A) does/do/has signed      B) **is/doing/is signing**  
C) will/do/was signing      D) is/ going to do/would sign  
E) shall/do/has been signing
6. Look! The cat \_\_\_ your cutlet.  
A) **is eating**      B) was eating      C) eats  
D) has been eating      E) had eaten
7. You look pale. You \_\_\_ too hard these days.  
A) **have been working**      B) worked      C) are working  
D) work      E) were working
8. What \_\_\_ you \_\_\_ since I saw you last?  
A) do/do      B) are/doing  
C) **have/been doing**      D) did/do  
E) will/do
9. It is 8.30. Ben and Ann \_\_\_ breakfast.  
A) have      B) **are having**      C) is having  
D) was having      E) were having
10. She \_\_\_ a journalist nowadays.  
A) are      B) was      C) **is**  
D) were      E) am
11. You \_\_\_ always \_\_\_ your things. Put them into their bag.  
A) **are/losing**      B) -/lost  
C) have/lost      D) shall/have been losing  
E) had/lust
12. What place \_\_\_ the youth of our country occupy in all branches now?  
A) did      B) shall      C) is  
D) **does**      E) will
13. I \_\_\_ home for lunch on Mondays. I have lunch in the canteen.  
A) didn't go      B) was going      C) **don't go**  
D) doesn't go      E) will not go
14. Westminster Abbey is the ancient old church in which the coronation ceremonies of almost all English kings and queens \_\_\_ place.  
A) will take      B) was taken      C) was taking  
D) is taking      E) **have taken**
15. This is the most interesting film I \_\_\_ ever \_\_\_\_.  
A) didn't/see      B) was/seen      C) have /saw  
D) **have/seen**      E) had/seen
16. "Nobody \_\_\_ in that country," said Pinocchio to his friend.  
A) don't learn      B) are learning      C) **learns**  
D) doesn't learn      E) learn
17. Paul \_\_\_ a student of Cambridge University.  
A) were      B) are      C) am  
D) be      E) **is**
18. "Little boy", said a man, "why do you carry that umbrella over your head? It \_\_\_ and the sun \_\_\_"  
A) rains/isn't shining      B) doesn't rain/shines  
C) **isn't raining/isn't shining**      D) is raining/is shining  
E) isn't raining/don't shine
19. Who often has dinner at the canteen?  
A) I did      B) **we do**      C) he had  
D) they have      E) she will
20. I \_\_\_ never \_\_\_ him before.  
A) - /met      B) - /meet      C) **have/met**  
D) has/met      E) -/meets
21. The weather is awful, it \_\_\_ all day.  
A) rains      B) is raining      C) rained  
D) has rained      E) **has been raining**
22. It is 2 o'clock. I \_\_\_ afraid I \_\_\_ late.  
A) was/am      B) shall be/am      C) **am/am**  
D) was/was      E) am/wasn't
23. Who usually answers these letters in your office?  
A) My friend can.      B) That man will.      C) **I do, of course.**  
D) Mary is.      E) Those engineers did.
24. The milk is hot I \_\_\_ on it to make it cold.  
A) **am blowing**      B) blow      C) is blowing  
D) blew      E) had blown
25. - You don't like horror films, do you?  
- \_\_\_\_ . They are so terrifying.  
A) Yes, I can.      B) No, I can't.      C) **No, I don't.**  
D) Yes, I do.      E) No, we didn't.
26. \_\_\_ this engineer work at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.  
A) do      B) **does**      C) has  
D) had      E) shall
27. He \_\_\_ never \_\_\_ him sing.  
A) had\_\_\_ heard      B) **has\_\_\_ heard**      C) have\_\_\_ heard  
D) was\_\_\_ hearing      E) is\_\_\_ hearing
28. I think \_\_\_\_ .  
A) if he is about fifty      B) **he is about fifty**      C) her about fifty  
D) him about fifty      E) be about fifty
29. I miss her very much, almost every minute of the day I think of her, or I think I \_\_\_ her.  
A) am hearing      B) **hear**      C) heard  
D) have heard      E) will hear
30. Look! There \_\_\_ a man sitting at the first table near the door. He \_\_\_ at us.  
A) was/looks      B) had been/looked  
C) were/had looked      D) **is/is looking**  
E) is/was looking
31. These engineers always \_\_\_ in the office and \_\_\_\_  
A) stayed/learn      B) **stay/learn**      C) stays/learns  
D) have stayed/learned      E) stay/learned
32. It's the happiest evening I ever \_\_\_\_ .  
A) had      B) **have had**      C) has  
D) has had      E) had had
33. Let me show the picture that I \_\_\_ this week.  
A) am drawing      B) shall be drawing      C) **have drawn**  
D) drew      E) will be drawing
34. This is the 7th year Ann and Mary \_\_\_ this school.  
A) has attended      B) **have been attending**  
C) had been attending      D) are attending  
E) were attending

1. \_\_\_ you tell him about it when you \_\_\_ him?  
A) did / see B) does / saw  
C) **will / see** D) would / see  
E) do / will see
2. Tomorrow when you \_\_\_ the sun \_\_\_\_ .  
A) woke up / shines B) have woken up / was shining  
C) **wake up / will be shining** D) will wake up / will shine  
E) woke up / shined
3. When my sister \_\_\_ at the college 2 years ago she \_\_\_ to learn several foreign languages.  
A) **was studying / tried** B) studies / tries  
C) studied / was trying D) was studying / was trying  
E) studies / trying
4. When I \_\_\_ that morning the sun \_\_\_ high in the sky.  
A) will wake up / had shone B) have woken up / shines  
C) shall wake up / was shining D) **woke up / was shining**  
E) woke up / will be shining
5. When I \_\_\_ the letter I wondered what \_\_\_\_ .  
A) **got / had happened** B) get / happens  
C) got / happened D) had got / had happened  
E) got / has happened
6. I \_\_\_ to know when you \_\_\_\_ .  
A) **don't want / will come** B) shall want / come  
C) want / had come D) didn't want / come  
E) didn't want / are coming
7. When I \_\_\_ home my mother \_\_\_ me that my friend \_\_\_ me an hour before.  
A) had come / told / had called  
B) came / told / called  
C) **came / told / had called**  
D) was coming / told / called  
E) came / was telling / had called
8. I \_\_\_ still, when you \_\_\_\_ .  
A) am working / will return  
B) **shall be working / return**  
C) was working / are returning  
D) shall have been working / have returned  
E) was working / are returned
9. When Harris \_\_\_ her she \_\_\_ Paris.  
A) is meeting / was leaving B) **met / was leaving**  
C) had met / left D) meets / left  
E) met / will leave
10. When he \_\_\_ in London, it \_\_\_ heavily.  
A) arrive / rains B) arrives / rained  
C) **arrived / was raining** D) will arrive / rains  
E) arrived / is raining
11. It \_\_\_ when we \_\_\_ home.  
A) rained / came B) rained / was coming  
C) **was raining / came** D) will rain / came  
E) rained / shall come
12. When we \_\_\_ the beach the rain \_\_\_ already \_\_\_\_ .  
A) leave / has / started B) will leave / have / started  
C) **left / had / started** D) left / have / started  
E) are leaving / was / starting
13. What \_\_\_ you \_\_\_ when I \_\_\_ ?  
A) did / do / returned B) are / doing / shall return  
C) **will / be doing / return** D) do / do / return  
E) have done / am returning
14. When I \_\_\_ him up they said that he \_\_\_ an hour ago.  
A) call / left B) called / has left  
C) should call / has left D) call / leaves  
E) **called / had left**
15. When you \_\_\_ me up yesterday it \_\_\_ hard.  
A) rings / will rain B) **rang / was raining**  
C) will rang / will rain D) ring / rains  
E) had rung / had rained
16. When the woman was out a postman \_\_\_ a letter.  
A) brings B) bring  
C) **brought** D) had brought  
E) has brought
17. I hope it \_\_\_ when you \_\_\_ to London.  
A) doesn't rain / will get B) is raining / get  
C) **won't be raining / get** D) will rain / will get  
E) rained / have got
18. When the lesson \_\_\_ we \_\_\_ home.  
A) are over / go B) is over / goes  
C) **is over / shall go** D) will be over / go  
E) will be over / shall go
19. What \_\_\_ you \_\_\_ when your father returned?  
A) will / do B) **were / doing**  
C) was / do D) will / be doing  
E) were / do
20. When we \_\_\_ in Seville we \_\_\_ sightseeing.  
A) are / went B) **were / went**  
C) shall be / go D) are / go  
E) had been / go
21. \_\_\_ when he was painting the ceiling.  
A) He found his passport B) He burnt his hand  
C) He bought a new car D) He wrote a letter  
E) **He fell off the ladder**
22. It \_\_\_ since morning when we \_\_\_\_ .  
A) has rained / went out B) **had been raining / went** out  
C) was raining / go out D) rained / will go out  
E) rained / went out
23. When I \_\_\_ back to the table, six soldiers \_\_\_ there.  
A) **came / were sitting** B) comes / were sitting  
C) has come / sit D) came / are sitting  
E) came / will sit
24. When I \_\_\_ younger I \_\_\_ an idea of a wife who \_\_\_ with me in my thoughts as well as aims.  
A) was / had / will be B) **was / had / would be**  
C) had been / had / is D) have been / have / will be  
E) was / had had / had been
25. When I \_\_\_ school I \_\_\_ the university.  
A) shall finish / shall enter B) finish / enter  
C) shall finish / enter D) **finish / shall enter**  
E) finish/entered
26. I visited my sister when she \_\_\_ in Moscow.  
A) **lived** B) lives  
C) were lived D) is living  
E) were living
27. We \_\_\_ have our supper when our mother \_\_\_ from the market.  
A) **shall / comes** B) - / comes  
C) - / will come D) shan't / come  
E) shall / come
28. The passengers \_\_\_ for the train for 20 minutes when it \_\_\_ into the station.  
A) waited / pulls B) had waited / pulled  
C) **had been waiting / pulled** D) will wait / had pulled  
E) are waiting / was pulled
29. Yesterday when I \_\_\_ her she \_\_\_ me about you.  
A) have met / told B) **was meeting / told**  
C) have met / would tell D) have met / tell  
E) met / had told
30. When I came in my mother \_\_\_ dinner.  
A) cooked B) were cooking  
C) will cook D) have cooked  
E) **was cooking**