

# "Scientists say July was hottest month ever"

## GAP FILL

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

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*higher*  
*pretty*  
*average*  
*outdid*  
*scientists*  
*surface*  
*announced*

The NOAA spokesperson said this new record was (9) \_\_\_\_\_. He said: "In this case, first place is the worst (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to be." The announcement from NOAA comes a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ 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) \_\_\_\_\_ stated that humans had changed the climate. It wrote: "It is [clear] that human (13) \_\_\_\_\_ has warmed the atmosphere, ocean and land." A (14) \_\_\_\_\_ of 234 scientists from 66 countries worked on the report. It warns that extreme weather will continue to get worse. It says "every (15) \_\_\_\_\_" will experience "multiple changes" in weather, like (16) \_\_\_\_\_ heat and flooding.

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*clearly*  
*sweltering*  
*week*  
*total*

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

