

Life/ Levels 5-6

Reading comprehension

Read the article (Wild weather) and choose the correct option.

1 The article says that extreme weather events...

- a have an influence on the climate.
- b kill more people than before.
- c are part of a long-term change.

2 According to the article,...

- a scientists don't know what causes extreme weather.
- b there's more than one factor influencing our weather.
- c it's not possible for humans to influence the weather.

Read the article again and choose the correct option.

3 Why was the rain in Nashville considered to be an extreme event?

- a There was very high rainfall over many days.
- b The amount of rain was forecast in advance.
- c There was very high rainfall in a very short time.

4 The rainfall in Nashville in 2010...

- a last happened a thousand years ago.
- b happens every one hundred years.
- c caused very rare flooding.

5 What caused deaths in Rio de Janeiro?

- a people were trapped under soil
- b the intensity of the rain
- c extensive floods

6 According to the article,...

- a there has been a dramatic increase in the economic costs of extreme weather.
- b extreme weather events have risen by 25 percent since 2010.
- c in 2011, 25 percent of financial losses were weather-related.

7 Which statement is not supported by information in the article?

- a Extreme weather is influenced by human activity.
- b Unusual weather events are part of natural weather cycles.
- c Such extreme weather is too rare to be a result of climate change.

8 What is the key factor in the formation of storms?

- a warmer land temperatures
- b greenhouse gases
- c moisture in the air

9 Why did fewer people die in France in the 2006 heat wave?

- a There were better facilities provided.
- b Fewer people were in city centers at the time.
- c It wasn't as severe as in 2003.

10 According to Michael Oppenheimer...

- a there's no way to stop extreme weather.
- b we can be better prepared for the effects of climate change.
- c we need to spend more money so that fewer people die.