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**Level 0 – 25th August, 2019**

## **Amazon rainforest fires are an international crisis**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190825-amazon-fires-0.html>

The Amazon rainforest is burning. French President Emmanuel Macron said it is an "international crisis". He said urgent action is needed. World leaders at the G7 summit should talk about them. He tweeted: "Our house is burning....The Amazon rain forest...is on fire. It is an international crisis."

Germany's leader called the fires an "acute emergency". She said they were dangerous to the whole world. The UK leader called the fires "heart-breaking". He wants to bring them under control "and help protect one of Earth's greatest wonders". The UN said: "The Amazon [and our oxygen] must be protected."

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-49443389>  
<https://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/458399-fires-in-the-amazon-the-planet-at-risk>  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-49450495>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190825-amazon-fires-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. French                       | a. burning    |
| 2. He said urgent action        | b. leaders    |
| 3. World                        | c. crisis     |
| 4. the G7                       | d. is needed  |
| 5. talk                         | e. fire       |
| 6. Our house is                 | f. President  |
| 7. The Amazon rain forest is on | g. about them |
| 8. It is an international       | h. summit     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. She said they were | a. "heart-breaking" |
| 2. the whole          | b. wonders          |
| 3. The UK             | c. world            |
| 4. called the fires   | d. protected        |
| 5. bring them under   | e. one              |
| 6. help protect       | f. dangerous        |
| 7. Earth's greatest   | g. control          |
| 8. our oxygen must be | h. leader           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190825-amazon-fires-0.html>

The Amazon (1) \_\_\_\_\_. French President Emmanuel Macron said (2) \_\_\_\_\_ "international crisis". He (3) \_\_\_\_\_ is needed. World leaders at (4) \_\_\_\_\_ should talk about them. He tweeted: "Our (5) \_\_\_\_\_....The Amazon rain forest... (6) \_\_\_\_\_. It is an international crisis."

Germany's (7) \_\_\_\_\_ fires an "acute emergency". She said they were (8) \_\_\_\_\_ whole world. The UK leader (9) \_\_\_\_\_ "heart-breaking". He wants to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ control "and help protect one of (11) \_\_\_\_\_. The UN said: "The Amazon [and our oxygen] (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190825-amazon-fires-0.html>

TheAmazonrainforestisburning.FrenchPresidentEmmanuelMacrons  
aiditisan"internationalcrisis".Hesaidurgentactionisneeded.Worldlea  
dersattheG7summitshouldtalkaboutthem.Hetweeted:"Ourhouseis  
burning....TheAmazonrainforest...isonfire.Itisaninternationalcrisis.  
"Germany'sleadercalledthefiresan"acuteemergency".Shesaidtheyw  
eredangeroustothewholeworld.TheUKleadercalledthefires"heart-b  
reaking".Hewantstobringthemundercontrol"andhelpprotectoneofE  
arth'sgreatestwonders".TheUNsaid:"TheAmazon[andouroxygen]m  
ustbeprotected."

# THE AMAZON FIRES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1908/190825-amazon-fires-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the Amazon fires in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

|      | STUDENT 1<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.2. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.3. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.4. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.5. |                    |                    |                    |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

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Write about **the Amazon fires** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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