Vocabulary practice

1  Complete the sentences with words from the Keywords box.

1  We had a __________ last year – the temperature was 35°C for 22 days.

2  A __________ crossed the Philippines in 2013 and it killed thousands of people.

3  Last year it rained for a week and there was a __________ of two metres in my town.

4  Greece has a Mediterranean __________ – the summers are hot but the winters are not very cold.

5  The Earth’s __________ is 20 percent oxygen.

6  A large part of the coast fell into the sea in the __________.

2  Are these places from the article cities (C), countries (CO) or regions (R)?

Australia ________
East Africa ________
Europe ________
Nashville ________
Pacific Ocean ________
Pakistan ________
Rio de Janeiro ________
Russia ________
Grammar practice

3 Complete the questions by adding one word in the correct place. Find the answers to the questions in the article.

1 What ‘extreme’ weather?
2 Why people talking about extreme weather these days?
3 extreme events part of a natural cycle?
4 is happening to the weather?
5 When a heat wave affect Europe?
6 How people died in the 2003 heat wave?
7 How rain fell on Rio de Janeiro in 24 hours?
8 What we need to do, according to Michael Oppenheimer?

4 Write questions for these answers.

1 Yes, it’s very hot in Sydney today.
2 No, it didn’t rain last night.
3 Yes, it sometimes snows in winter here.
4 Hurricanes usually happen from June to November.
5 Yes, there was a big flood last year.
6 A typhoon is a type of hurricane in the east.