

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.