

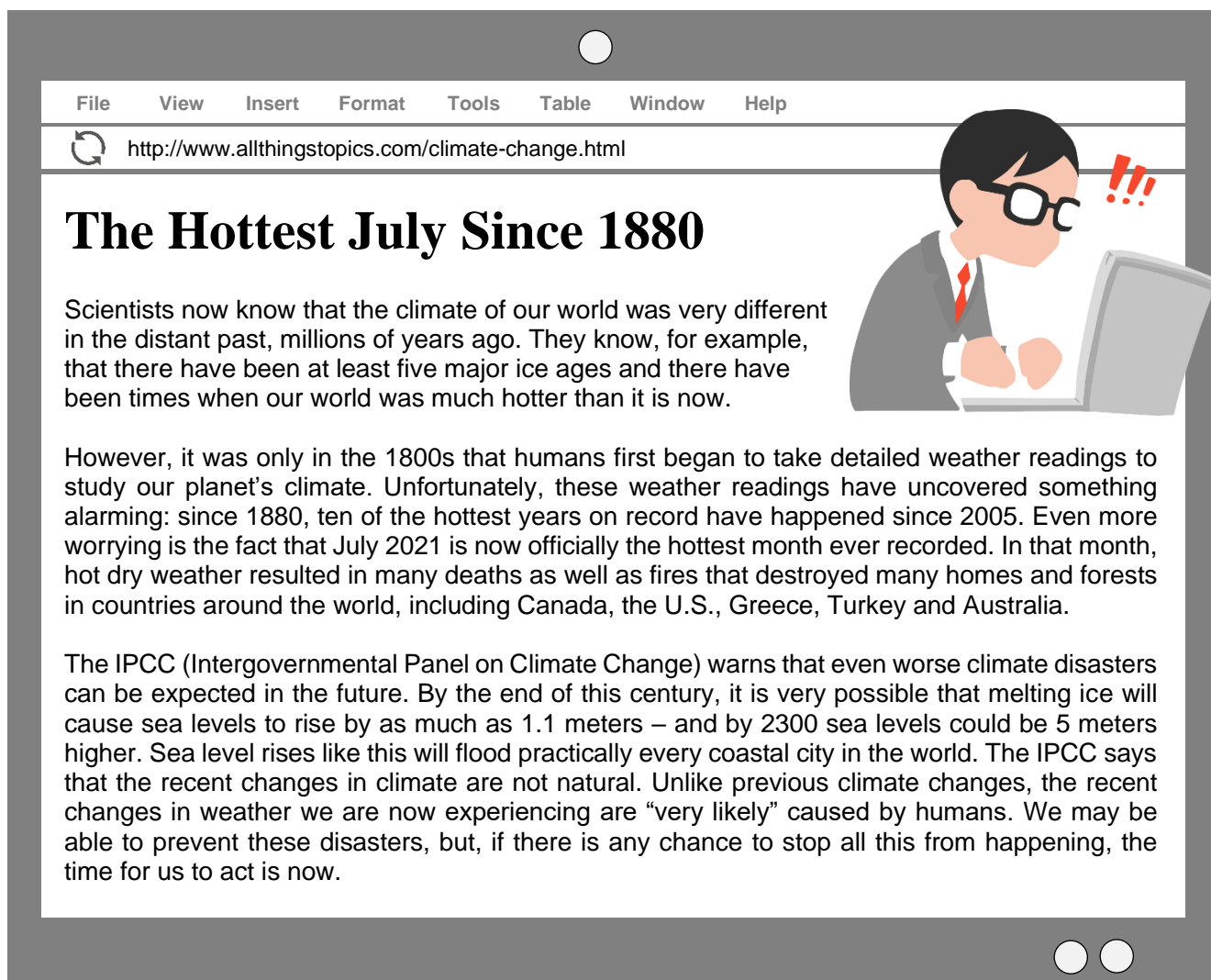
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## READING (Scanning)

## CLIMATE CHANGE

- *What does the internet article say about climate change? Circle 'True' or 'False'.*



The screenshot shows a web browser window with a menu bar (File, View, Insert, Format, Tools, Table, Window, Help) and a URL bar containing <http://www.allthingstoppers.com/climate-change.html>. The article title is "The Hottest July Since 1880". The text discusses climate change, mentioning ice ages, the IPCC, and the fact that July 2021 was the hottest month ever recorded. An illustration of a man with glasses looking at a laptop with three exclamation marks is on the right.

### The Hottest July Since 1880

Scientists now know that the climate of our world was very different in the distant past, millions of years ago. They know, for example, that there have been at least five major ice ages and there have been times when our world was much hotter than it is now.

However, it was only in the 1800s that humans first began to take detailed weather readings to study our planet's climate. Unfortunately, these weather readings have uncovered something alarming: since 1880, ten of the hottest years on record have happened since 2005. Even more worrying is the fact that July 2021 is now officially the hottest month ever recorded. In that month, hot dry weather resulted in many deaths as well as fires that destroyed many homes and forests in countries around the world, including Canada, the U.S., Greece, Turkey and Australia.

The IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) warns that even worse climate disasters can be expected in the future. By the end of this century, it is very possible that melting ice will cause sea levels to rise by as much as 1.1 meters – and by 2300 sea levels could be 5 meters higher. Sea level rises like this will flood practically every coastal city in the world. The IPCC says that the recent changes in climate are not natural. Unlike previous climate changes, the recent changes in weather we are now experiencing are “very likely” caused by humans. We may be able to prevent these disasters, but, if there is any chance to stop all this from happening, the time for us to act is now.

*The article says that . . .*

1. there was an ice age 5 million years ago. **TRUE / FALSE**
2. scientists know nothing about the weather before 1800. **TRUE / FALSE**
3. the weather in 1880 was very hot. **TRUE / FALSE**
4. the hottest July ever recorded was in 2021. **TRUE / FALSE**
5. the years following 2005 have been very hot. **TRUE / FALSE**
6. many countries experienced hot weather in 2021, but not Canada. **TRUE / FALSE**
7. melting ice caused cities to flood thousands of years ago. **TRUE / FALSE**
8. melting ice will possibly cause cities to flood in the future. **TRUE / FALSE**
9. people are probably responsible for the climate change happening now. **TRUE / FALSE**
10. people should try to stop climate change within the next 100 years. **TRUE / FALSE**

**Aim** Reading (Scanning) Practice

**Level** Intermediate

## ANSWER KEY



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| 1. FALSE | 6. FALSE                                   |
| 2. FALSE | 7. FALSE                                   |
| 3. FALSE | 8. TRUE                                    |
| 4. TRUE  | 9. TRUE                                    |
| 5. TRUE  | 10. FALSE (People should take action now.) |

## My Notes

Sources:

- <https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/sotc/global/202013>
- <https://dailyhive.com/vancouver/ipcc-report-human-climate-change?auto=true>
- <https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov>