



# France roasts in record heatwave

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*France registered its highest temperature since records began on Friday as the death toll rose from a heatwave suffocating much of Europe.*

1. These classrooms in the southern French town of Nimes \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Instead they're deserted, \_\_\_\_\_
3. France registered its highest temperature \_\_\_\_\_
4. With the mercury \_\_\_\_\_
- 5-1. Four administrative regions in the south \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5-2. leading \_\_\_\_\_
- 6-1. Further north in Paris, \_\_\_\_\_
- 6-2. with tourists lining the Seine and exercisers \_\_\_\_\_  
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## LAWYER MICHEL GODEST SAYING

"I wouldn't run a marathon today but cycling for a quarter of an hour or half an hour is bearable, we shouldn't get carried away. There's loads of hype, you'd think it's the end of the world, the apocalypse. Yes it's hot, OK, but let's not go mad."

- 7-1. The French health minister warned \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 7-2. given \_\_\_\_\_
- 8-1. Families with elderly relatives \_\_\_\_\_
- 8-2. were advised \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Several French cities restricted traffic \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 10-1. The World Meteorological Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 10-2. with extremes linked \_\_\_\_\_

## [Vocabulary]

- **Nîmes**: city in southern France northeast of Montpellier *population* 142,205: Roman ruins.  
Nîmes is located between the Mediterranean Sea and the Cévennes mountains. Nîmes has a rich history dating back to the Roman Empire when the city was a regional capital, and home to 50,000–60,000 people. Several famous monuments are in Nîmes, such as the Arena of Nîmes and the Maison Carrée. Because of this, Nîmes is often referred to as the French Rome.
- **deserted**: left desolate or empty
  - *"Their deserted wives and children"*
- **heatwave**: a continuous period of very hot weather, especially when this is unusual
- **grip**: to hold fast or firmly; to have a strong effect on someone
  - *Britain was still gripped by recession.*
- **register**: to show as a particular measurement on a piece of equipment
  - *an earthquake registering 5.1 on the Richter scale*
- **mercury**: a silver liquid metal element that is used in thermometers (=pieces of equipment that measure temperature)
- **hit**: to reach a particular amount, level, or age
  - *Summer hits peak heat.*
  - *She hits forty this year and we're planning a big party.*
- **Celsius**: a system for measuring temperature that is part of the metric system, in which water freezes at 0 degrees and boils at 100 degrees
- **Provence**: a former province of southeastern France; now administered with Cote d'Azur
- **administrative**: of or relating to or responsible for administration
- **administrative region**:
- **issue**: to announce something, or to give something to people officially
  - *The banks have issued a warning that charges are likely to rise sharply.*
- **unprecedented**: never having happened or existed before
  - *The government took the unprecedented step of releasing confidential correspondence.*
- **weather warning**: an alert issued by a meteorological agency to warn citizens of approaching dangerous weather
- **lead to**: to cause or result in some state or condition.
  - *Colds may lead to all kinds of diseases.*
- **up to**: A maximum of (something)
  - *You have up to a month to complete these assignments.*
- **closure**: the process of temporarily preventing people from using a place, for example a road or bridge
- **line**: to form rows along the sides of something
  - *Crowds lined the streets to watch the parade.*
- **Seine**: a French river that flows through the heart of Paris and then northward into the English Channel
- **exerciser**: A person who exercises
- **pound the pavement**: to move about on foot at a steady, regular pace in a town or city
  - *To find a job, I have to pound the pavement from company to company.*
- **bearable**: something that is bearable is difficult or unpleasant, but you are able to accept or deal with it
- **get carried away**: to be overcome by emotion or enthusiasm (in one's thinking or actions); to be/get very excited or lose control of your feelings

- *I got carried away and started shouting at the television.*

□ **loads of something**: a lot of something

- *I have loads of work to get done before I can go on vacation.*

□ **hype**: the use of a lot of advertisements and other publicity to influence or interest people

- *There was so much hype before the picture was released that the picture itself was a letdown.*

□ **apocalypse**: a time when the whole world will be destroyed

□ **go mad**: to act in a way that is out of control

□ **cautious**: careful to avoid problems or danger

- *Companies seem cautious about investing (=are unwilling to invest) more money in research and development.*

□ **given**: considering

- *Given the rainy weather, we had to cancel the picnic.*

□ **restrict**: to place under restrictions; limit access to

- *Access to this area is restricted.*

□ **restrict traffic**:

□ **stifling**: heat or a room that is stifling is so hot that it is difficult for you to breathe: air or a smell that is stifling makes it difficult for you to breathe

- *the stifling heat of a summer's day*

□ **worsen**: to make something worse

□ **air pollution**: pollution of the atmosphere

- *Air pollution reduced the visibility.*

□ **World Meteorological Organization**: An agency of the United Nations, established in 1950 with the aim of facilitating worldwide cooperation in meteorological observations, research, and services. Its headquarters are in Geneva.

□ **consistent**: continuing or developing steadily in the same way

- *The company has been showing consistent growth over the past five years.*

□ **extremes**: extreme weather

□ **link to**: to have a connection with someone or something.

- *I only found out recently that our family tree links to George Washington!*

□ **impact**: an effect, or an influence

- *The deepest impact is expected to be in construction, manufacturing and retail.*

□ **greenhouse gas emissions**: the emission into the earth's atmosphere of any of various gases, esp. carbon dioxide, that contribute to the greenhouse effect