



Paris reaches its hottest day on record

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Soaring temperatures broke records in France as well as Britain and the Netherlands on Thursday as a heatwave gripped Europe for the second time in a month.

1. Perhaps there's never been a better reason _____

2-1. Temperatures reached _____
2-2. its hottest day _____
2-3. challenging residents _____

71-YEAR-OLD BRITISH TOURIST, RON CROWDY, SAYING:

"We have to slow down and stop and keep drinking water, and we like the beer, it's quite good..."

3-1. In London, people flocked _____

3-2. as temperatures Thursday _____

3-3. as a heatwave _____

4-1. Belgian authorities issued a code _____

4-2. as the temperature _____

5. Scientists say hot spells are becoming more frequent _____

20-YEAR-OLD STUDENT FROM SWITZERLAND, SANDRA HARTMANN, SAYING:

"I think everyone needs to react right now. I think everyone realizes now that it's serious."

6. The serious heat is expected _____

[Vocabulary]

splash: strike and dash about in a liquid; to move noisily in water

• The boys splashed around in the pool.

• *She was splashing through the puddles.*

fountain: a structure through which a stream of water is pumped into the air and falls down again

- *The park's ornamental fountain is carved from marble.*
- foot:** the bottom of a slope, hill, set of stairs, etc.
- at the foot of:**
 - *She paused at the foot of the stairs.*
- Eiffel Tower:** a wrought iron tower 300 meters high that was constructed in Paris in 1889; for many years it was the tallest man-made structure
- challenge:** to issue a challenge to
 - *The girls challenged the boys to a game of basketball.*
- alike:** in the same way or in a similar way; used for referring to two people or things equally
 - *Not everyone acts or thinks alike.*
 - *It's a show that appeals to young and old alike.*
- slow down:** become less tense, rest, or take one's ease
 - *My mind slowed down.*
 - *Okay, okay. Slow down.*
- flock:** to gather together in a large group, usually because there is something interesting or exciting
 - *Tourists still flock to Washington to learn about their government.*
- Hampstead Heath:** a popular recreation area near Hampstead in N London, covering 320 hectares (790 acres). The south-east part of the heath is Parliament Hill, from which the view over London is protected by law.
Running along its eastern perimeter are a chain of ponds – including three open-air public swimming pools – which were originally reservoirs for drinking water from the River Fleet.
- pond:** an area of water similar to a lake but smaller
 - *a duck pond*
- respite:** a short period of rest from having to deal with a difficult or unpleasant situation
 - *The weekend break offered a welcome respite.*
- heatwave:** a continuous period of very hot weather, especially when this is unusual
 - *heatwave fatalities:*
- grip:** to have a strong effect on someone
 - *Although the car was stationary, his hands were still gripping the wheel.*
- code:** a set of rules about how something should be done or how people should behave
 - *Even criminals have their own code of honor.*
- red heat:** the state of being red-hot *also* : the temperature at which a substance is red-hot
- alert:** a warning that something dangerous has happened or is going to happen
- peak:** to reach the highest amount or level, before becoming lower
 - *Interest rates peaked at 19%.*
- spell:** a continuous period of time; a stretch of a specified type of weather
- hot spell:**
- heat up:** to gain heat or get hot
 - *The dispute was already heating up.*
- greenhouse gas:** a gas that contributes to the greenhouse effect by absorbing infrared radiation
- emission:** a substance, especially a gas, that goes into the air
- react:** to behave in a particular way because of something that is happening around you or something that someone is doing to you

- *I wasn't sure how you would react.*
- *I wonder how he will react if I tell him about it.*
- **linger**: to last or continue for a long time
- *The cooler weather can linger through most of the week.*
- *The smell of fish lingered in the kitchen.*