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Parts of Scotland and northern England have had their most dry, sunny spring ever.

Back in late winter we just saw grey sky and rain. Rivers came up over their banks. Homes and shops were flooded. Roads were closed.

It was the wettest February ever.



**Feb 2020: River Severn**

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By the end of May it had all changed. Now the ground is dry, plants wilt and lawns are brown.

Some rivers that had floods are now very low. It was the driest May ever in north west England. They only had 13mm of rain.



BBC

**May 2020: Dry ground near Oxford**

Across England and Wales, it has not been so dry since May 1884.

Adapted from BBC Weather 1/6/20: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/weather/features/52840873>

## Reading questions

Read the text on page 1. All the answers are in the text.

1. Which month was the wettest ever?

- January
- February
- March

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2. What is the name of the river in the picture?

- Sven
- Six
- Severn

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3. Where was it the driest May ever?

- England and Wales
- Northern England
- North west England

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4. What happens to plants when they wilt?

- They dry out
- They have flowers
- They grow fast

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