

Warmest UK New Year's Day follows a record-breaking New Year's Eve



Hundreds of swimmers turn out for the traditional New Year's Day Lyme Lunge race into the sea on Cobb Beach, Lyme Regis. Photograph: Tom Corban/Rex/Shutterstock

The warmest New Year's Eve on record has been followed by the hottest New Year's Day, early figures show. Thanks to warm subtropical air flowing from the Azores, temperatures topped 16°C at a time of the year when they usually reach about 7°C.

The Met Office said that 16.3°C had been reached in St James's Park, central London, meaning it is "likely to be confirmed" as a record maximum temperature for any New Year's Day.

The current record temperature is 15.6°C experienced in Bude, Cornwall, in 1916.

In a tweet, the Met Office said: "St James's Park was provisionally the warmest location in England and the UK today. 16.3°C is likely to be confirmed as a New Year's Day record maximum temperature. Scotland and Wales provisionally also broke their NYD record max temps, with 15.9°C & 15.6°C respectively."

Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2022/jan/01/warmest-uk-new-years-day-follows-record-breaking-new-years-eve>

Reading skills – use the text on page 1 to answer questions 1-8.

Purpose, source and main points

1) What is the main topic of the newspaper article?

E3, 1 mark

2) What is the main purpose of the article?

E3, 1 mark

3) Which newspaper did it appear in and on what day was it published?

L2, 2 marks

Images and captions

4) Where is the Lyme Lunge race held?

E3, 1 mark

5) What can you infer about the Lyme Lunge race?

L1, 1 mark

Detail

6) Why have New Year's Eve and New Year's Day been so warm?

L1, 1 mark

7) Where is St James's Park located? Give as much detail as possible.

L1, 2 marks

8) What was the maximum temperature in Wales?

L1, 1 mark

Punctuation and abbreviations

Use research or your general knowledge to answer questions 9-12.

- 9) a. What is the purpose of the two commas in paragraph 3?

L1, 1 mark

- b. In the text, find another **pair** of commas used for a similar purpose.

L1, 1 mark

- 10) Why is there an apostrophe in **New Year's Eve** and in **New Year's Day**?

L1, 1 mark

- 11) Explain the use of the apostrophe in **St James's Park**.

(You may want to read this: <https://lookup.london/st-james-park-grammar/>).

L2, 1 mark

- 12) 'Met Office' is an abbreviation for: _____ L2, 1 mark

- 13) Find **two** other abbreviations in the quotation in paragraph 4. What do they mean?

a. _____ means _____

L1, 2 marks

b. _____ means _____

L1, 2 marks

Challenge question

- c. Why do you think the quotation in paragraph 4 contains these abbreviations?

L2, 1 mark

Words and language

You can use a dictionary or thesaurus to help you answer questions 14-19.

- 14) Use a dictionary to find the meanings of the words below.

provisionally _____

respectively _____

E3, 2 marks

- 15) Find a word or phrase to replace **current** in this sentence.

The _____ record temperature is 15.6°C experienced in Bude, Cornwall, in 1916.

L1, 1 mark

- 16) Which **two** of these language features are used in the text?

a	direct address	
b	statistics	
c	quotation	
d	rule of three	

L2, 2 marks

- 17) Explain in your own words what 'temperatures topped' means.

L1, 1 mark

- 18) Which words best describe the writer's **style** and **tone**?

Style		Tick ✓ one
a	academic	
b	informative	
c	instructive	
d	persuasive	

Tone		Tick ✓ one
a	humorous	
b	impartial	
c	emotional	
d	urgent	

L2, 2 marks

- 19) Find words in the text that mean:

a. To state or prove that something is correct: _____

b. greatest or largest: _____

L1, 2 marks

Functional Maths

Show all your working out.

1 mark for each correct answer. Remaining marks are awarded for showing your working out and suitable checks.

- 1) How many years ago was the current record temperature set?

Show a check of your answer.

(L1. 3 marks)

- 2) a. Which had the warmest maximum New Year's Day temperature, Scotland or Wales?

(E2. 2 marks)

- b. What is the difference between the two temperatures?

Show a check of your answer.

(L1. 3 marks)

- 3) In England, how much warmer was the maximum New Year's Day 2022 temperature compared to:

- a. that in 1916?

- b. typical New Year temperatures

Show checks for both of your answers.

(L1. 6 marks)