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Climate change affects health

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The story

A new report on climate change has concluded that rising temperatures are seriously harming human health.

The report from a group of universities and UN agencies says that more people are being affected by heatwaves, a poor diet and the spread of disease.

Vocabulary

taking a toll

causing harm or damage over time

swelter

feel uncomfortably hot

flee

escape quickly from a dangerous place

Language challenge

We've heard the word 'toll' meaning a small amount of money you pay to use something – often connected to transport. But which of these is NOT a common term?

- a) toll bridge
- b) toll bike
- c) toll road

Answer

b) toll bike