

The story

Europe is expecting near-record temperatures with special measures being put in place to prevent loss of life. In France, large parts of the country have been put on the second-highest weather alert. Paris and northern France are expected to be worst affected because of high humidity.

Vocabulary**forecast**

statement about the future based on knowledge and information

- The weather forecast says today will be bright and dry! Let's go to the beach!
- The economic forecast predicts a sharp drop in employment.

shade

relative darkness caused by something blocking light from the Sun

- It was so hot I needed to find some shade to sit under or I would have burnt.
- I just love this painting. There are so many different shades of red!

bask

relax and enjoy the Sun's light and warmth

- My cat loves to bask on our roof. She lies there in the Sun for hours!
- The pop star basked in the admiration of her fans.

Language challenge

'A long period of little or no water' is spelled:

- a) draught
- b) drought
- c) drowt

Answer:

- b) drought