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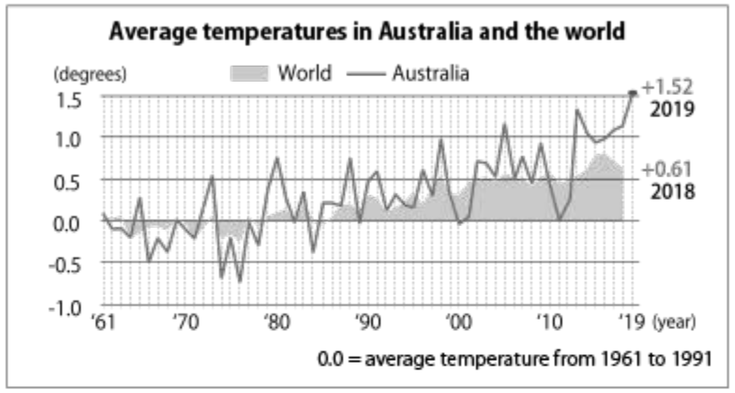
合計時間：7 分（設定速度 90WPM）
英文＋設問（問 1～問 3）　6 分
直読直解タスク（問 4）　1 分

Read the text and the graph and answer the three questions.



The year 2019 was a very dry year for Australia. According to the country's weather service, average temperatures were 1.52 degrees higher than normal, and rainfall was 40% less than normal. These weather conditions caused major forest fires all over the country. The fires continued for a long time. Most of the fires were put out by heavy rains in February 2020, but the damage from the fires was very bad.

More than 12,000,000 hectares of forest were destroyed by the fires. That is about one-third of the area of Japan. About one billion animals have died because of the fires. The damage was especially bad on Kangaroo Island, a home to many wild animals. Almost half of the island was burned, and almost all of its national parks were lost. Many koalas and kangaroos that lived in the forests were killed. Some burned their feet when they walked on the hot ground. Others died after breathing the hot smoke from the fires. What is more, animals that did not die in the fires probably had trouble finding food and places to live. The impact from these fires was probably felt for a long time.

Australia has been getting hotter over the last few decades. Because of the high temperatures and the dry weather, fires can start easily in the forests. Many parts of the world will be hot and dry in the future. Fires like the ones in Australia could happen anywhere. Experts believe global warming is the reason for these fires. They say that the world must reduce CO_2 and other greenhouse gases. The dangers of global warming are not far away.

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問 1　What is true about the graph of average temperatures? Choose the best option to fill in [1].　(10点)

Average temperatures of Australia [1].

① were the lowest in the middle of the 1980s
② are gradually decreasing year by year
③ were higher than the world averages in the late 2010s
④ were higher in the 1960s than in the 2000s　(　　)

問 2　What happened to the wild animals? [2]　(10点)

① They had to move to national parks because they lost their homes.
② They got injured by walking on the burned ground.
③ Half of the animals living on Kangaroo Island lost their lives.
④ They died from eating burned foods.　(　　)

問 3　According to Paragraph 3, [3].　(10点)

① the forest fires in Australia raised the average temperature
② the weather will get hotter and drier around the world
③ Australia has produced more CO_2 every year
④ experts think the forest fires are not related to global warming　(　　)

問 4　各文の主部全体に下線を引きなさい。

(*L11*) a. Many koalas and kangaroos that lived in the forests were killed.

(*L13*) b. What is more, animals that did not die in the fires probably had trouble finding food and places to live.

直読直解のポイント 3　主語 (S) と述語動詞 (V) の発見

❖ 述語動詞のすぐ前の名詞が、主語とは限らない

(S)The bus which goes to the airport (V)leaves every 20 minutes.
「空港へ行く」バスは 20 毎に出発する」

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WPM	50 以下	51～64	65～78	79～89	90～98	99～107	108～116	117 以上

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