

Tekst 1

- 1p 1 Wat meldt dit krantenbericht?
- A De weersverwachting kan binnenkort voor een langere periode gegeven worden.
 - B Er wordt een internationale opleiding voor weervoorspellers gestart.
 - C Het klimaat zal de komende jaren wereldwijd sterk veranderen.
 - D Het weerbericht wordt in de nabije toekomst gemaakt door een ruimtevaartinstituut.

Better weather forecast on its way!

WEATHER is Britain's favourite topic of conversation. In a country where we can get four seasons in one day, weather-forecasting assumes a far greater importance than it does in places with more stable climates.

Current predictions are only reliable for a few days ahead, but now, we're told we can look forward to accurate forecasts up to 60 days ahead!

NASA

It's all thanks to a new study of the stratosphere — the atmospheric layer which sits between six and 30 miles above us.

The study, partly funded by NASA, says shifting wind patterns in the stratosphere could help forecasters predict weather here on earth, two months ahead.

Changes all that way above us usually take a week or more to work their way down to where they begin to affect the weather, giving forecasters more time to study the patterns.

"The study points weather forecasters towards a new source of information that hasn't been used before in weather prediction," said Dr



New forecasting techniques should make Michael Fish's job a bit easier.

Mark Baldwin, of North-West Research Associates in Bellevue, Washington.

"And now, we can see it coming."