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Scientists around the world have been studying the warming of waters in the Pacific Ocean known as El Nino. The appearance of El Nino is known to affect the weather around the world. Scientists still do not completely understand it. Yet they now find they can use it to tell about the future in different areas of the world. One example is the work of two scientists at Columbia University in New York, Mark Cane and Gordon Eshel. A scientist of Zimbabwe, Roger Buckland worked with them. They have found that when El Nino appears, Zimbabwe has little or no rain. This means corn crops in Zimbabwe are poor. The last El Nino was in 1991 to 1993.That was when southeastern Africa suffered a serious lack of rain. The scientists wrote about their recent work in the publication Nature. Their computer program can tell when an El Nino will develop up to a year before it does. They suggest that this could provide an effective early warning system for southern Africa, and could prevent many people from starving. ### 1.El Nino is known as \_\_\_\_\_\_ . \* A.the changing of the weather in southern Africa \* B.the warming of waters in the Pacific Ocean \* C.the weather which brings drought(旱灾)to Africa \* D.the weather phenomenon(现象)that brings heavy rains to Africa ### 2.Scientists study El Nino in order that \_\_\_\_\_\_ . \* A.they can provide a kind of early warning to the place that will suffer from drought \* B.they can tell why Zimbabwe has little or no rain \* C.they can do some research work in this field. \* D.they can put all this information into their computers. ### 3.Which of the following is true according to the article? \* A.Scientists come to understand how El Nino appears. \* B.Three scientists from the U.S.A. work on this subject. \* C.Southern Africa suffered a serious drought and many people died from hunger. \* D.El Nino has something to do with Zimbabwe's crops. ### 4.Which of the following is not true according to the article? \* A.The computer is used in this research work. \* B.Scientists know when an El Nino appears by means of computer program. \* C.The scientists published their results of the research work.D.Nature is the name of the article written recently by the scientists. ### 5.Choose the best title for this article. \* A.Appearance of El Nino Predictable(可预报的) \* B.Drought in Zimbabwe \* C.Early warning system \* D.Weather in Africa ## 阅读答案 ### 1.B ### 2.A ### 3.D ### 4.D ### 5.A