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Coldest temperature on Earth recorded

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THE ARTICLE

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Scientists recently found the coldest place on Earth. Satellites measured a temperature of minus 93.2 degrees Celsius on part of Antarctica. Scientists still need to do more tests on the data. The real temperature could be one degree colder. The coldest temperature found before this was also in Antarctica. This was minus 89.2 degrees Celsius. Scientist Dr Ted Scambos said: "These very low temperatures are hard to imagine." He explained: "It's almost as cold below freezing as boiling water is above freezing." He added that parts of Antarctica are 50 degrees colder than Siberia. Nowhere on Antarctica is as cold as the Moon. Temperatures there got as low as minus 238 degrees Celsius.

Unfortunately, the record freezing temperatures measured by the satellites won't be in the Guinness Book of Records. The temperatures must be from a couple of meters above the ice. The scientists also have to use a thermometer. The satellites' temperatures were a few centimetres above the ice and they did not use a thermometer. Dr Scambos said he is sure that the temperatures recorded by the satellites are accurate. He also said that they would be too cold for a thermometer to work properly. He said it was so cold that you cannot breathe the air. When scientists go outside, they must wear a snorkel that goes inside their coat. They breathe the warmer air that is close to their skin.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-25287806>
<http://www.livescience.com/41817-coldest-places-found-antarctica.html>
<http://www.stuff.co.nz/science/9499536/Coldest-place-on-Earth-94-7C>

WARM-UPS

1. COLD WEATHER: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about cold weather. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

scientists / temperature / data / Antarctica / minus / imagine / freezing / boiling / unfortunately / satellites / ice / thermometer / accurate / work properly / breathe

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. WEATHER: What can we do to enjoy it? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What do you do now?	What could you do to enjoy it?
Freezing cold		
Boiling hot		
Heavy rain		
Thick fog		
Strong wind		
Snow		

4. TEMPERATURE: Students A **strongly** believe hot is better than cold; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. FREEZING: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best things to do when it's freezing at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- go for a walk
- go shopping
- go hiking
- go to a coffee shop
- go home
- go skiing
- go to a movie theatre
- go to bed

6. ANTARCTICA: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "Antarctica". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131212-temperatures.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. Scientists recorded a temperature of minus 92.3 degrees C. | T / F |
| b. Scientists need to do more tests because the record might be colder. | T / F |
| c. The previous coldest temperature record was in Siberia. | T / F |
| d. The temperature on Antarctica is colder than the Moon. | T / F |
| e. The record temperature will not go into the Guinness Book of Records. | T / F |
| f. Nobody used a thermometer to record the record cold temperature. | T / F |
| g. The record temperature in Antarctica was too cold for a thermometer. | T / F |
| h. People do not need any help to breathe the air in Antarctica. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 1. recently | a. reached |
| 2. do | b. correct |
| 3. data | c. few |
| 4. hard | d. information |
| 5. got | e. not long ago |
| 6. freezing | f. have to |
| 7. couple | g. sub-zero |
| 8. accurate | h. carry out |
| 9. must | i. near |
| 10. close | j. difficult |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. Scientists recently found the | a. to work properly |
| 2. a temperature of minus | b. degree colder |
| 3. The real temperature could be one | c. breathe the air |
| 4. These very low temperatures are | d. water |
| 5. boiling | e. is close to their skin |
| 6. scientists also have | f. coldest place on Earth |
| 7. temperatures recorded by the | g. to use a thermometer |
| 8. too cold for a thermometer | h. hard to imagine |
| 9. He said it was so cold that you cannot | i. 93.2 degrees Celsius |
| 10. They breathe the warmer air that | j. satellites are accurate |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131212-temperatures.html>

Scientists recently found the coldest (1) _____ on Earth. Satellites measured a temperature of (2) _____ 93.2 degrees Celsius on part of Antarctica. Scientists still need to do more tests on the (3) _____. The real temperature could be one (4) _____ colder. The coldest temperature found before this was also in Antarctica. This was minus 89.2 degrees Celsius. Scientist Dr Ted Scambos said: "These very low temperatures are hard to (5) _____." He explained: "It's almost as cold below freezing as (6) _____ water is above freezing." He (7) _____ that parts of Antarctica are 50 degrees colder than Siberia. Nowhere on Antarctica is as cold as the Moon. Temperatures there got as (8) _____ as minus 238 degrees Celsius.

boiling

data

low

place

degree

added

minus

imagine

Unfortunately, the record (9) _____ temperatures measured by the satellites won't be in the Guinness Book of Records. The temperatures must be from a (10) _____ of meters above the ice. The scientists also have to use a (11) _____. The satellites' temperatures were a few centimetres above the (12) _____ and they did not use a thermometer. Dr Scambos said he is sure that the temperatures recorded by the satellites are (13) _____. He also said that they would be too cold for a thermometer to work (14) _____. He said it was so cold that you cannot breathe the air. When scientists go (15) _____, they must wear a snorkel that goes inside their coat. They breathe the (16) _____ air that is close to their skin.

properly

ice

couple

warmer

freezing

accurate

outside

thermometer

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Satellites measured a temperature of minus _____
 - a. 93.2 degree
 - b. 93.2 decrees
 - c. 93.2 degrees
 - d. 93.2 decree is
- 2) Scientists still need to do more tests _____
 - a. on the date a
 - b. on the data
 - c. on the deity
 - d. on the datum
- 3) This was minus 89.2 degrees _____
 - a. sell see us
 - b. Celsius
 - c. Centigrade
 - d. Fahrenheit
- 4) These very low temperatures are hard _____
 - a. too imagine
 - b. two imagine
 - c. true imagine
 - d. to imagine
- 5) It's almost as cold below freezing as boiling water _____
 - a. is above freezing
 - b. is above freezes
 - c. is above freeze in
 - d. is above frozen
- 6) The temperatures must be from a couple of meters _____
 - a. above the icicle
 - b. above the ice
 - c. above the iced
 - d. above the icy
- 7) The scientists also have to use _____
 - a. a thermos meter
 - b. a thermo meters
 - c. a thermometer
 - d. a barometer
- 8) he is sure that the temperatures recorded by the satellites _____
 - a. are accuracy
 - b. are a cue rate
 - c. are a Kew rat
 - d. are accurate
- 9) He said it was so cold that you cannot _____
 - a. breathe in the air
 - b. breathe out the air
 - c. breathe the air
 - d. breath the air
- 10) They breathe the warmer air that is close _____
 - a. to their skinny
 - b. to their skinned
 - c. to their skins
 - d. to their skin

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Scientists recently found (1) _____ Earth. Satellites measured a temperature of minus 93.2 degrees Celsius on part of Antarctica. Scientists (2) _____ more tests on the data. The real temperature could be one degree colder. The coldest temperature found before (3) _____ Antarctica. This was minus 89.2 degrees Celsius. Scientist Dr Ted Scambos said: "These very low temperatures are (4) _____." He explained: "It's almost as cold below freezing as boiling water is above freezing." He (5) _____ Antarctica are 50 degrees colder than Siberia. Nowhere on Antarctica is as cold as the Moon. Temperatures there (6) _____ minus 238 degrees Celsius.

Unfortunately, the record freezing temperatures (7) _____ satellites won't be in the Guinness Book of Records. The temperatures must be from a couple of (8) _____. The scientists also have to use a thermometer. The satellites' temperatures were a few centimetres above the ice and they did not (9) _____. Dr Scambos said he is sure that the temperatures recorded (10) _____ are accurate. He also said that they would be too cold for a thermometer to work properly. He said it was so cold that you (11) _____. When scientists go outside, they must wear a snorkel that goes inside their coat. They breathe the warmer air that is (12) _____.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131212-temperatures.html>

1. When did scientists find the record cold temperatures?

2. What was the record temperature?

3. What do scientists still need to do?

4. How much colder is Antarctica than Siberia?

5. Where was a temperature of minus 238 degrees Celsius recorded?

6. How far above the ice did the satellites record the temperatures?

7. What did a scientist say about the satellites' temperature recordings?

8. What cannot work properly in the coldest part of Antarctica?

9. What do scientists in Antarctica use to breathe outside?

10. Where is the warm air that scientists in Antarctica breathe?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131212-temperatures.html>

1. When did scientists find the record cold temperatures?
 - a) yesterday
 - b) 2010
 - c) recently
 - d) September 23
2. What was the record temperature?
 - a) -93.2°C
 - b) -92.3°F
 - c) -89.2°C
 - d) -238°C
3. What do scientists still need to do?
 - a) more tests
 - b) visit more places
 - c) go to Siberia
 - d) find one degree
4. How much colder is Antarctica than Siberia?
 - a) 238 degrees
 - b) 50 degrees
 - c) 89.2 degrees
 - d) they're about the same
5. Where was a temperature of minus 238 degrees Celsius recorded?
 - a) inside an iceberg
 - b) the North Pole
 - c) Siberia
 - d) the Moon
6. How far above the ice did the satellites record the temperatures?
 - a) 2.3 metres
 - b) a few centimetres
 - c) 23 millimetres
 - d) exactly one metre
7. What did a scientist say about the satellites' temperature recordings?
 - a) they are accurate
 - b) nothing
 - c) they are wrong
 - d) they are too cold
8. What cannot work properly in the coldest part of Antarctica?
 - a) humans
 - b) satellites
 - c) thermometers
 - d) ice cream machines
9. What do scientists in Antarctica use to breathe outside?
 - a) an air-conditioned helmet
 - b) a thermal scarf
 - c) scuba-diving air tanks
 - d) snorkels
10. Where is the warm air that scientists in Antarctica breathe?
 - a) near their skin
 - b) Florida
 - c) in heated bottles of air
 - d) in solar panels on their clothes

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Go to bed

You think going to bed is the best thing to do in cold weather. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): going skiing, going to a coffee shop or going shopping.

Role B – Go skiing

You think going skiing is the best thing to do in cold weather. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): going to bed, going to a coffee shop or going shopping.

Role C – Go to a coffee shop

You think going to a coffee shop is the best thing to do in cold weather. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): going skiing, going to bed or going shopping.

Role D – Go shopping

You think going shopping is the best thing to do in cold weather. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): going skiing, going to a coffee shop or going to bed.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131212-temperatures.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'freezing' and 'boiling'.

freezing	boiling
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• place• tests• one• imagine• water• low	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• book• ice• few• sure• properly• skin
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COLD WEATHER SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about cold weather in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

COLD WEATHER DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'cold'?
- c) Would you like to go to the coldest place on Earth?
- d) What do you do when it's really cold?
- e) Can your body take really cold temperatures?
- f) Why do you think scientists are still testing this data from 2010?
- g) Can you imagine how cold -93°C is?
- h) Do you prefer very hot weather or very cold weather?
- i) What would you do on a vacation on Antarctica?
- j) What's the weather like in your country?

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COLD WEATHER DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Do you think the Guinness Book of Records should accept the new record?
- c) What does freezing cold weather do to our body?
- d) What do you wear in cold weather?
- e) What are the good things about cold weather?
- f) What's the coldest you've ever been?
- g) What's the best way to keep warm when it's freezing cold?
- h) What can you do in cold weather that you can't do in hot weather?
- i) What's the best food to eat in cold weather?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the scientists?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Scientists (1) ____ found the coldest place on Earth. Satellites measured a temperature of minus 93.2 degrees Celsius on part of Antarctica. Scientists (2) ____ need to do more tests on the data. The real temperature could be one degree (3) _____. The coldest temperature found before this was also in Antarctica. This was minus 89.2 degrees Celsius. Scientist Dr Ted Scambos said: "These very low temperatures are (4) ____ to imagine." He explained: "It's almost as cold below freezing as (5) ____ water is above freezing." He added that parts of Antarctica are 50 degrees colder than Siberia. Nowhere on Antarctica is as cold as the Moon. Temperatures there got as (6) ____ as minus 238 degrees Celsius.

Unfortunately, the record freezing temperatures (7) ____ by the satellites won't be in the Guinness Book of Records. The temperatures must be from a couple (8) ____ meters above the ice. The scientists also have to use a thermometer. The satellites' temperatures were a (9) ____ centimetres above the ice and they did not use a thermometer. Dr Scambos said he is sure that the temperatures recorded by the satellites are (10) _____. He also said that they would be too cold for a thermometer to work properly. He said it was so cold that you cannot (11) ____ the air. When scientists go outside, they must wear a snorkel that (12) ____ inside their coat. They breathe the warmer air that is close to their skin.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) recently | (b) recent | (c) resent | (d) decently |
| 2. | (a) yet | (b) already | (c) still | (d) ever |
| 3. | (a) snowier | (b) hotter | (c) recorder | (d) colder |
| 4. | (a) hardly | (b) hard | (c) heady | (d) hardy |
| 5. | (a) bowling | (b) broiling | (c) bailing | (d) boiling |
| 6. | (a) down | (b) deep | (c) low | (d) minus |
| 7. | (a) taped | (b) measured | (c) ruled | (d) predicted |
| 8. | (a) of | (b) about | (c) for | (d) each |
| 9. | (a) few | (b) couple | (c) several | (d) numerous |
| 10. | (a) accuracy | (b) acute | (c) accurate | (d) accurateness |
| 11. | (a) breathless | (b) breathy | (c) breath | (d) breathe |
| 12. | (a) leaves | (b) goes | (c) departs | (d) returns |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. inusm 93.2
2. one deeing colder
3. hard to inmegia
4. obginli water
5. above enfgrize
6. onreweh on Antarctica

Paragraph 2

7. edurames by the satellites
8. a oeculp of meters
9. use a meotreremth
10. the satellites are rteauacc
11. work rpeopryl
12. ehraetb the warmer air

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131212-temperatures.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () of minus 93.2 degrees Celsius on part of Antarctica. Scientists still need to do more tests
- () Guinness Book of Records. The temperatures must be from a couple of meters above the
- (**1**) Scientists recently found the coldest place on Earth. Satellites measured a temperature
- () also in Antarctica. This was minus 89.2 degrees Celsius. Scientist Dr Ted Scambos said: "These very low
- () on the data. The real temperature could be one degree colder. The coldest temperature found before this was
- () centimetres above the ice and they did not use a thermometer. Dr Scambos said he is sure that the temperatures recorded
- () properly. He said it was so cold that you cannot breathe the air. When scientists go
- () by the satellites are accurate. He also said that they would be too cold for a thermometer to work
- () than Siberia. Nowhere on Antarctica is as cold as the Moon. Temperatures there got as low as minus 238 degrees Celsius.
- () temperatures are hard to imagine." He explained: "It's almost as cold below freezing as boiling
- () ice. The scientists also have to use a thermometer. The satellites' temperatures were a few
- () Unfortunately, the record freezing temperatures measured by the satellites won't be in the
- () outside, they must wear a snorkel that goes inside their coat. They breathe the warmer air that is close to their skin.
- () water is above freezing." He added that parts of Antarctica are 50 degrees colder

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. degrees Satellites measured a temperature of minus 93.2 .

2. still do on Scientists to tests data need more the .

3. colder could be The one real degree temperature.

4. are These hard very to low imagine temperatures.

5. water is above freezing As cold below freezing as boiling.

6. Record satellites the by measured temperatures freezing.

7. centimetres Temperatures above were the a ice few.

8. a thermometer to work They would be too cold for.

9. it was so cold that you cannot breathe He said.

10. air close skin warmer is their The that to.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131212-temperatures.html>

Scientists *recently* / *recent* found the coldest place on Earth. Satellites measured a temperature of *minus* / *minuses* 93.2 degrees Celsius on part of Antarctica. Scientists still *needy* / *need* to do more tests on the data. The real temperature could be *once* / *one* degree colder. The coldest temperature found before this *was* / *were* also in Antarctica. This was minus 89.2 degrees Celsius. Scientist Dr Ted Scambos said: "These very *lowered* / *low* temperatures are hard *to* / *for* imagine." He explained: "It's almost as cold *under* / *below* freezing as boiling water is above freezing." He added that parts of Antarctica are 50 degrees colder than Siberia. *Nowhere* / *Everywhere* on Antarctica is as cold as the Moon. Temperatures *there* / *these* got as low as minus 238 degrees Celsius.

Unfortunately, the *records* / *record* freezing temperatures measured by the satellites won't be *in* / *on* the Guinness Book of Records. The temperatures must be from *a* / *the* couple of meters above the ice. The scientists also have to *use* / *usefully* a thermometer. The satellites' temperatures were a few centimetres above the ice and they did not use a *thermos* / *thermometer*. Dr Scambos said he is *sure* / *assure* that the temperatures recorded by the satellites are *accuracy* / *accurate*. He also said that they would be too cold for a thermometer to work *prosperously* / *properly*. He said it was so cold that you cannot breathe the air. When scientists go outside, they must wear a snorkel that *goes* / *comes* inside their coat. They breathe the warmer air that is *close* / *closely* to their skin.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Sc__nt__sts r_c__ntly f__nd th__c__ld__st pl_c__n__rth.
S_t__ll__t__s m__s__r__d__t__mp__r__t__r__f__m__n__s 93.2
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B__k__f__R__c__rds. Th__t__mp__r__t__r__s__m__st__b__fr__m__
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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unfortunately the record freezing temperatures measured by the satellites won't be in the guinness book of records the temperatures must be from a couple of meters above the ice the scientists also have to use a thermometer the satellites' temperatures were a few centimetres above the ice and they did not use a thermometer dr scambos said he is sure that the temperatures recorded by the satellites are accurate he also said that they would be too cold for a thermometer to work properly he said it was so cold that you cannot breathe the air when scientists go outside they must wear a snorkel that goes inside their coat they breathe the warmer air that is close to their skin

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Scientists recently found the coldest place on Earth. Satellites measured a temperature of minus 93.2 degrees Celsius on part of Antarctica. Scientists still need to do more tests on the data. The real temperature could be one degree colder. The coldest temperature found before this was also in Antarctica. This was minus 89.2 degrees Celsius. Scientist Dr Ted Scamboss said: "These very low temperatures are hard to imagine." He explained: "It's almost as cold below freezing as boiling water is above freezing." He added that parts of Antarctica are 50 degrees colder than Siberia. Nowhere on Antarctica is as cold as the Moon. Temperature there goes as low as minus 238 degrees Celsius. Unfortunately, the record freezing temperatures measured by the satellites won't be in the Guinness Book of Records. The temperatures must be from a couple of meters above the ice. The scientists also have to use a thermometer. The satellites' temperatures were a few centimetres above the ice and they did not use a thermometer. Dr Scamboss said he is sure that the temperatures recorded by the satellites are accurate. He also said that they would be too cold for a thermometer to work properly. He said it was so cold that you cannot breathe the air. When scientists go outside, they must wear a snorkel that goes inside their coat. They breathe the warmer air that is close to their skin.

FREE WRITING

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Write about **cold weather** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about cold weather. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. WEATHER: Make a poster about weather. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. RECORD COLD: Write a magazine article about the record cold temperatures. Include imaginary interviews with people who love the cold and people who love the heat.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to a weather expert. Ask him/her three questions about cold weather. Give him/her three of your opinions on cold weather. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c F d F e T f T g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- | | |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 1. recently | a. not long ago |
| 2. do | b. carry out |
| 3. data | c. information |
| 4. hard | d. difficult |
| 5. got | e. reached |
| 6. freezing | f. sub-zero |
| 7. couple | g. few |
| 8. accurate | h. correct |
| 9. must | i. have to |
| 10. close | j. near |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Recently
2. Minus 93.2 degrees Celsius
3. More tests
4. 50 degrees
5. The Moon
6. A few centimetres
7. They were accurate
8. Thermometers
9. A snorkel
10. Close to the skin

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c 2. a 3. a 4. b 5. d 6. b 7. a 8. c 9. d 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)