



## Eng101- Unit 1 – The big Chill

Students name : .....

Class: .....

Read the text below and then answer the questions below :

### Survival in Siberia

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 1 pm on CTV

The famous documentary maker Liam O'Conner has been trending for some time, there is a new project he's working on about life in Russia. He was on several interviews and was asked numerous questions about his experience in Siberia

A How long does winter last?  
In Siberia winter starts in September and lasts until May, almost nine months. In December and January the sun doesn't rise and it's always dark.

B \_\_\_\_\_  
Normally minus 30 or 40 degrees Celsius is normal cold, but the temperature sometimes drops to minus 60 or 70 in northern Siberia.

C \_\_\_\_\_  
The location of Siberia, which is near the arctic, and there are no mountains to stop the freezing wind from coming. Also, the sun is always low in the far north, so it's cold all year round.

D \_\_\_\_\_  
It snows very often, but it is not heavy. The snow cover lasts up to 280 days in the far north.

E \_\_\_\_\_  
Definitely yes, especially Western Siberia which is practically melting. And somewhere in eastern Siberia, some dangerous rising gases are stopping the surface from freezing but it is still very cold.

F \_\_\_\_\_  
Fur of course. Fur is considered a luxury in the West, but it's the only thing that is able to keep anyone warm in extremely cold weather.

G \_\_\_\_\_ And what's life like? Is it very difficult?  
Sure. Your fingers freeze without gloves. Your nose hair freezes too. Some vehicle car tyres burst from freezing which is scary! Sometimes children have lessons on TV because they can't go to school from the cold.

H \_\_\_\_\_  
They are used to it, they don't mind it really. It gives them a chance to do a lot of wintery outdoor sports, like ice-skating which is considered number one in Russia next to skiing, ice-hockey and reindeer racing. Swimming in rivers and lakes in the sub-zero temperatures is one of people's favourites.

I \_\_\_\_\_  
According to ads, swimming in icy water is beneficial for their health. And it's a very popular event. everyone participates, men, women and even children.

J \_\_\_\_\_  
Well, to be truthful, I love it! At home, Liverpool is usually cloudy and mild in winter, which I don't like very much. It's rarely fine weather, you know, not raining. In Siberia the sunny days are beautiful.

**Read the text again. Complete the gaps (A-J) with these interview questions?**

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| 1. How long does winter last?                                    | A |
| 2. And what's life like? Is it very difficult?                   | G |
| 3. What do Russians think of their cold winter?                  |   |
| 4. Is it cold?                                                   |   |
| 5. Aha, what about snow?                                         |   |
| 6. Wow, why do you think it's this cold?                         |   |
| 7. What do you think of winter in Siberia?                       |   |
| 8. Is the weather changing? Are Siberian winters getting warmer? |   |
| 9. Oh? Why do they do that?                                      |   |
| 10. How do people keep warm?                                     |   |