

**LESSON 2** **Antarctica: Land of Ice**

In this lesson, you will read about Antarctica and answer questions.

**TEXT 1** **How Cold is it in Antarctica?**

It is very cold in Antarctica, even in the summer! The **average temperature** for January, the middle of the summer in Antarctica, is **minus** 28° Celsius (-28°C). Minus means colder than the **freezing** point, which is 0°C.



In the winter, which is from April to September, the **average temperature** can be as cold as -89°C. When it is that cold, hot water thrown in the air will freeze before it hits the ice. Sometimes, scientists use **fridges** to keep their **samples** warm!

**VOCABULARY**

average temperature    minus    freezing    fridges    samples

**Instructions:** Choose the correct answer, **A**, **B**, or **C**.

1	The average summer temperature in Antarctica is _____. <b>A</b> -28°C <b>B</b> -89°C <b>C</b> freezing
2	Why does the article tell you that 'how water thrown in the air will freeze before it hits the ice'? <b>A</b> to tell you about scientists' jobs in Antarctica <b>B</b> to show how cold it is in Antarctica <b>C</b> to show you what they drink in Antarctica

**TEXT 2** A Letter from Antarctica

Antarctica

Friday, 9 December

Dear Fatima,

Here is the letter I promised to write to you from Antarctica. I am excited to be here, just like so many famous explorers. It is very different from my home in the U.K.

There is no fresh food down here - and no supermarkets - so we have to eat a lot of dried, tinned or frozen food. We cook on small gas stoves, which take much longer than cookers at home.

I miss fresh apples and oranges - I wish you could send me some.

From,

Sara

**VOCABULARY**

promised

dried

excited

tinned

explorers

frozen

fresh

gas stoves

supermarkets

cooker

**Instructions:** Choose the correct answer, **A**, **B**, or **C**.

3 What does Sara think about living in Antarctica?  
**A** She is excited.  
**B** She wants to go home.  
**C** She wants to go to a different place.

**Instructions:** Write at least **two** sentences to answer the question.

What are two things you learn about food in Antarctica from Sara's letter?

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**TEXT 3****A Letter from the UAE****Instructions:** Write a letter to your friend about the UAE.

Use the ideas in the box below to help you write your letter.

The UAE

Date

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Name of a friend

I live in the UAE.

I like to \_\_\_\_\_

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I like to eat \_\_\_\_\_.

I am \_\_\_\_\_.

From \_\_\_\_\_,

Your Name