



DID YOU KNOW ... ?

- A** It isn't always hot and ¹*sunny / sun* in the desert! In January 2015, because of ²*stormy / stormy weather*, there was enough ³*snow / snowing* to build a snowman.
- B** Less than 1 mm of ⁴*rain / raining* falls every year in Arica, in Chile. It would take 100 years to fill a coffee cup.
- C** The 'zonda' ⁵*windy / wind* in Argentina is a dry wind that often carries dust over the mountains. When it happens, it makes the ⁶*sunny / sun* look brown.
- D** When it's very ⁷*wind / windy* in hilly places, ⁸*snowy / snow* can move along the ground and make a snowroller.
- E** A moustache ⁹*cloud / cloudy* forms when a cloud passes over a column of air. But be quick if you want a photo, it doesn't happen very often!
- F** It's so cold in the Antarctic that in some places the ¹⁰*icy / ice* is more than 4,000 metres thick.
- G** The Grand Banks are shallow areas of water on the coast of Newfoundland, Canada. They have more than 200 ¹¹*foggy / fog* days every year.
- H** It can be very ¹²*rain / rainy* in Kerala, India, but in 2001 the ¹³*rain / raining* was red because it was carrying sand from the desert. Strange, isn't it?

4 14 Complete gaps 1–6 with the words below. Listen and check.

boiling (hot) cool chilly degrees
freezing (cold) minus

Temperature

- 1 _____
- hot
- warm
- mild
- 2 _____
- cold
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- It's 35 ⁵ _____.
- It's ⁶ _____ 10 today.



We can say: *It's boiling hot* or *It's boiling*, *It's freezing cold* or *It's freezing*.

6 Match the sentences with the words from the box. There are 3 extra words.

Natural disasters

avalanche drought earthquake flood
hurricane mudslide rock slide tsunami

- 1 The water is going into the houses. People are moving upstairs. _____
- 2 There's a lot of snow and it's coming down the mountain very quickly. _____
- 3 People are hungry. They can't grow plants because the ground is dry and hard. _____
- 4 The building is shaking. _____
- 5 The beach is empty. People are going into the mountains before the wave arrives. _____