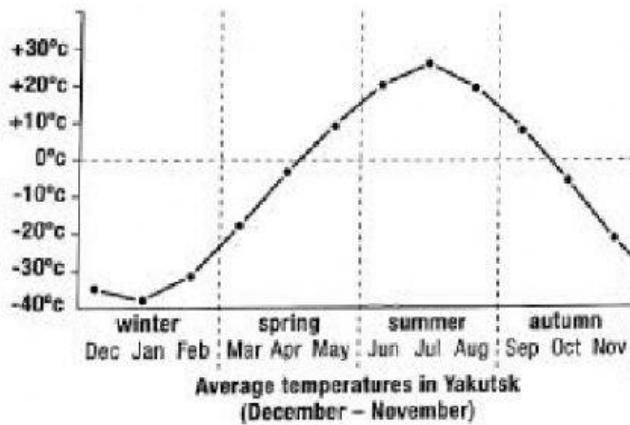


The Coldest City in the World



The temperature in your freezer is about -18°C . Yakutsk in Russia is colder than your freezer. In winter, the average temperature is -42°C !

In 2012, I visited Yakutsk. Why? Because I wanted to see the coldest city in the world. I wanted to meet the people of Yakutsk.

'Life is difficult in winter,' says Svetlana, 'but we're not sad.' Svetlana is the manager of a café in Yakutsk. She has two children. Her son Pavel is 11. Her daughter Daria is 5.



'The average temperature in winter is -42°C . Some winters are colder. At -50°C , the kindergarten is closed. Daria is happy. At -55°C , the kindergarten and the school are closed. Daria and Pavel are happy,' Svetlana says.

People in Yakutsk like sport. In spring and autumn, the average temperature is -21°C . They go skiing and ice-skating. In summer, it is warm. The average temperature is $+20^{\circ}\text{C}$. They have picnics in the forests.



READING 1

UNDERSTANDING KEY VOCABULARY

PREPARING TO READ

1 Look at the words in bold and match sentences (1–4) to sentences (a–d). Use the glossary on page 194 to help you.

- 1 Two **plus** two is four.
- 2 Sara is **happy**.
- 3 '2 + 2 = 4' is **easy**.
- 4 Canada is **cold** in winter.

- a It is not **difficult**.
- b It is **warm** in summer.
- c She is not **sad**.
- d Two **minus** two is zero.

2 Match the words (1–7) to the correct numbers (a–g).

1 twenty-one	a 55
2 eleven	b 18
3 eighteen	c 2012
4 fifty-five	d 42
5 forty-two	e 21
6 two thousand and twelve	f 11
7 fifty	g 50

3 Look at the graph, photographs and headings in the text on the opposite page and write true (T) or false (F) next to the statements (1–4) below.

- 1 Yakutsk is a city. _____
- 2 Winter is very cold in Yakutsk. _____
- 3 Summer is very cold in Yakutsk. _____
- 4 Svetlana has a café in Moscow. _____

4 Look at the graph. Translate *Average temperatures in Yakutsk* into your language.

Translation: _____

5 Use the glossary on page 194 to check your translation.

WHILE READING

6 Match the facts (1–6) to the correct numbers (a–f).

1 the average temperature in summer	a -42°C
2 the writer went to Yakutsk	b 2012
3 the average temperature in winter	c 5
4 Daria's age	d -55°C
5 the temperature when kindergartens and schools are closed	e $+20^{\circ}\text{C}$
6 the average temperature in spring and autumn	f -21°C

PREVIEWING

SCANNING TO FIND INFORMATION

