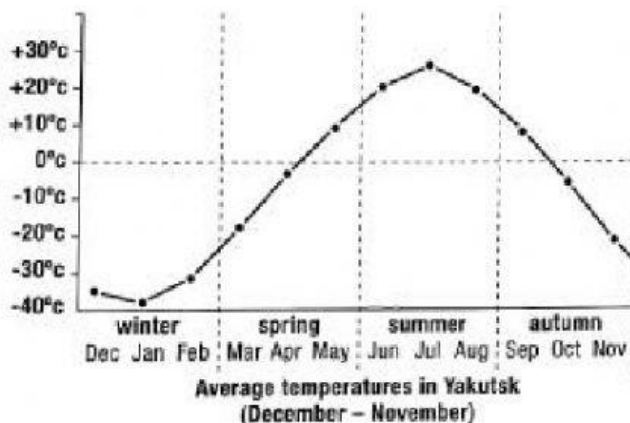


The Coldest City in the World



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

2 eleven

3 eighteen

4 fifty-five

5 forty-two

6 two thousand and twelve

7 fifty

a 55

b 18

c 2012

d 42

e 21

f 11

g 50

PREVIEWING

- 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

2 the writer went to Yakutsk

3 the average temperature in winter

4 Daria's age

5 the temperature when kindergartens and schools are closed

6 the average temperature in spring and autumn

a -42°C

b 2012

c 5

d -55°C

e $+20^{\circ}\text{C}$

f -21°C

SCANNING TO FIND INFORMATION

