What is snow?

If you are from a cold **climate**, you probably know lots about snow. If you are from a warm climate, you probably don't know much about it and are fascinated by it. Let's see how much you know about snow!

Snow is a form of precipitation like rain. In order for snow to form, the temperature must be **below** 0 degrees Celsius (32 degrees Fahrenheit). You've probably heard the song "White Christmas" meaning a snowy holiday. But snow is not white but **clear**. It looks white because of the way it reflects light. Snow usually falls slowly at 3 – 4 miles an hour. A light snow can be wonderful but a heavy snow, called a "snowstorm" can make life difficult and dangerous.

The most fascinating thing about snow is the formation of snowflakes. Snow is made up of snowflakes. Snowflakes are **tiny** ice crystals that connect to each other. Each snowflake has approximately 200 ice crystals and they have six sides. They say that no two snowflakes are **alike** but scientists can't confirm that! How many snowflakes can you find in a snowstorm? Billions!

How many snowflakes do you need to make a snowman?

Task 1. *Write T for True or F for False.*

1 Heavy snow precipitation is called a snowstorm. _____
2 Snow is white. _____
3 Snowflakes are ice crystal formations. _____
4 Snowflakes have six crystals. _____
5 Each snowflake has 200 sides. _____

Task 2. Look at the words in bold in the text.
Find words that mean...

1 under _____
2. no color _____
3. very small _____
4. the same _____
5 weather system _____



UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS:

(1) RTLSCAY

_____

(2) CIE

_____

(3) THWIE

_____

(4) EKALFWONS

_____

(5) NAMWONS

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(6) MRSSWTROON

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