



Sombat had a teacher from England called Carol. He told her he wanted to go to England and see snow. **He** hated the hot weather in Thailand. Carol smiled.

5 "Nobody loves their country's weather," she said. "When **I** was a child, my family did not have enough money to heat our house. I was so cold that it made me ill. I was so cold that I could not sleep. Worst of all, icy cold water came through the holes in my shoes when I walked outside. It hurt so much that I cried. Thai people are so fortunate to live in a hot country. I hate cold weather."

10 Sombat was amazed. He thought England had the best weather in the world because **it** had snow. He still wanted to play with snowballs.

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UNDERSTANDING PRONOUNS

1. The word "**He**" (line 2) refers to _____.
2. The word "**I**" (line 4) refers to _____.
3. The word "**it**" (line 11) refers to _____.

II

UNDERSTANDING VOCABULARY

Match the meanings under Y with the words or phrases under X. Write the appropriate letter (a, b, c, ...etc.) in front of the number (1, 2, 3, ...etc.) under X.

X

Y

- _____ 1. to heat our house (line 5)
- _____ 2. ill (line 6)
- _____ 3. worst of all (line 6)
- _____ 4. hurt (line 8)
- _____ 5. fortunate (line 8)
- _____ 6. amazed (line 10)
- _____ 7. snowballs (line 11)

- a. was painful
- b. surprised
- c. sick
- d. small round pieces of frozen water which children in cold weather like to throw at each other
- e. to keep the place where we live warm
- f. lucky
- g. the most unpleasant thing was

III.**UNDERSTANDING THE MAIN IDEA**

Circle the best answer.

1. The main idea of this passage is that _____.
 - a. cold weather is good and hot weather is bad
 - b. most people think the weather in other countries is better
 - c. other countries' weather is usually better than Thailand's
2. The best title for this passage would be _____.
 - a. Fun in the Snow
 - b. The Weather in England
 - c. Snow : Not All Fun and Games

IV.**UNDERSTANDING DETAILS****A. MULTIPLE CHOICE**

Circle the best answer.

1. This story probably happened _____.
 - a. in Thailand on a hot day
 - b. during a history lesson
 - c. in England when it was snowing
2. Carol tells us that her parents were _____.
 - a. very rich
 - b. quite poor
 - c. unkind to her
3. When Carol was a child, the cold weather _____.
 - a. was no problem
 - b. made her sleepy
 - c. kept her awake
4. Carol remembers how ice-cold water _____.
 - a. was good to drink
 - b. kept her shoes clean
 - c. made her very unhappy
5. Carol thinks that Thailand is _____.
 - a. nice and hot
 - b. much too hot
 - c. not hot enough



6. At the end of the story, Sombat _____ .
- a. feels that hot weather is better
 - b. still thinks snow could be fun
 - c. changes his mind about living in the snow
7. We learn from this passage that _____ .
- a. nobody is happy with what they have
 - b. the things we already have are the best
 - c. England has better weather than Thailand

B. TRUE-FALSE

Write T in front of the statements that are correct and F in front of the statements that are incorrect.

- _____ 1. Sombat used to study with a foreign teacher.
- _____ 2. Carol said nobody liked Thailand's weather.
- _____ 3. Carol's parents were not rich.
- _____ 4. The weather can make people ill.
- _____ 5. The ice-cold water in her shoes made Carol feel nice and cool.
- _____ 6. Carol did not like cold weather.
- _____ 7. Carol had bad memories of Thailand.
- _____ 8. Sombat thinks snow is good fun.
- _____ 9. Carol and Sombat have different feelings about cold weather.
- _____ 10. Sombat knew that living in a cold country could be unpleasant.

UNDERSTANDING WAYS TO DESCRIBE THE WEATHER

Fill in each blank with one of the following words.

1. The _____ weather will flood the fields.
2. Thai people get very hot when they work in the _____.
3. It was _____ so hard that Sompong could not go out to play.
4. In Florida a strong _____ blew cars off the road.
5. Prasert's favourite month was December because it was _____ at night.
6. People in England need umbrellas because it _____ so much.
7. It was _____ so hard that Carol could not see across the road.
8. When it is _____, Australians like to lie on the beach.
9. If it is _____ tomorrow, Dara can fly her kite.
10. When it _____ in Canada, children have snowball fights.

rainy

raining

windy

snowing

rains

sunny

cool

wind

snows

sunshine

