



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 snow and find it very interesting to think about. 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°C. Do you know a song called "White Christmas"? The word "white" is talking about snow. But snow is not white - it's **clear**! But it looks white on the ground because of the way it reflects light. Snow usually falls slowly, but when it's very windy it is called a blizzard. A light snow can be wonderful but a heavy snow, called a "snowstorm" can make life difficult and dangerous.

The most wonderful thing about snow is how snowflakes are formed. Snow is made up of billions of snowflakes. Snowflakes are **tiny** ice crystals that connect to each other. An average-sized snowflake has approximately 200 ice crystals. When you look at a snowflake really closely, you will see that each one has six sides. Many people say that no two snowflakes are **alike**. That's incredible! How many snowflakes do you need to make a snowman? How many snowflakes could you find in a snowstorm?



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

(6) MRSSWTROON
