

LESSON 2 Antarctica: Land of Ice

In this lesson, you will read about Antarctica and answer questions.

TEXT 1 How Cold is it in Antarctica?

It is very cold in Antarctica, even in the summer! The **average temperature** for January, the middle of the summer in Antarctica, is **minus 28° Celsius** (-28°C). Minus means colder than the **freezing point**, which is 0°C.



In the winter, which is from April to September, the **average temperature** can be as cold as -89°C. When it is that cold, hot water thrown in the air will freeze before it hits the ice. Sometimes, scientists use **fridges** to keep their **samples** warm!

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average temperature minus freezing fridges samples

Instructions: Choose the correct answer, **A**, **B**, or **C**.

1	The average summer temperature in Antarctica is _____. A -28°C B -89°C C freezing
2	Why does the article tell you that 'how water thrown in the air will freeze before it hits the ice'? A to tell you about scientists' jobs in Antarctica B to show how cold it is in Antarctica C to show you what they drink in Antarctica

TEXT 2 A Letter from Antarctica

Antarctica
Friday, 9 December

Dear Fatima,

Here is the letter I **promised** to write to you from Antarctica. I am **excited** to be here, just like so many famous **explorers**. It is very different from my home in the U.K.

There is no **fresh** food down here - and no **supermarkets** - so we have to eat a lot of **dried**, **tinned** or **frozen** food. We cook on small **gas stoves**, which take much longer than **cookers** at home.

I miss fresh apples and oranges - I wish you could send me some.

From,
Sara

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promised	excited	explorers	fresh	supermarkets
dried	tinned	frozen	gas stoves	cooker

Instructions: Choose the correct answer, **A**, **B**, or **C**.

- 3 What does Sara think about living in Antarctica?
- A** She is excited.
 - B** She wants to go home.
 - C** She wants to go to a different place.

Instructions: Write at least **two** sentences to answer the question.

- 4 What are two things you learn about food in Antarctica from Sara's letter?

TEXT 3**A Letter from the UAE****Instructions:** Write a letter to your friend about the UAE.

Use the ideas in the box below to help you write your letter.

The UAE

Date

Dear _____,

Name of a friend

I live in the UAE.

I like to _____

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I like to eat _____.

I am _____.

From _____,

Your Name