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**Task 1: Read and answer the questions**

# FREEZING IN SIBERIA!



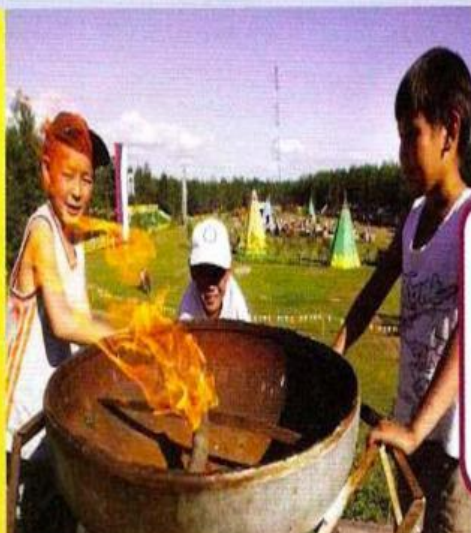
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It's winter here in Yakutsk. I'm sitting indoors and writing my blog because it's too cold to go outside. It's not snowing now but I'm looking at the thermometer outside and it says  $-34^{\circ}\text{C}$ !

Yakutsk in Russia is the coldest town on Earth. From November to March, it's only light for three or four hours a day and the temperature hardly ever rises above freezing. The average daytime temperature is  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$  and at night it sometimes falls as low as  $-60^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

Well, I'm not going out today – I'm staying indoors. People don't go out a lot here, at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ , the air freezes inside your nose. At  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ , you can't stay outdoors for more than ten minutes. At  $-45^{\circ}\text{C}$ , the metal on your glasses sticks to your face! I'm learning how to play a popular sport called kyyly – a kind of jumping competition. It uses a lot of energy and it keeps you warm and strong. I play kyyly three times a week. I'm trying to keep fit, which is really important when you live in sub-zero conditions!

In summer, Yakutsk is a different city. The snow melts and the temperature rises to  $30^{\circ}\text{C}$  and more, but people are usually happy to have a heatwave after ten months of winter. It's the season of 'white nights', when it never gets dark, not even at midnight. Camping and barbecues are the favourite summer activities. You can't imagine how much I am looking forward to it!



**FACT!** In Yakutsk, Siberia, the lowest ever recorded temperature was  $-60^{\circ}\text{C}$ .



1. What is the average daytime temperature in Yakuts?  
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2. What is the average night temperature in Yakuts?  
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3. Which city is the coldest in the world?  
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4. What is the temperature in Yakutsk when you can't go out?  
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5. What happens if you go out at  $-45^{\circ}\text{C}$ ?  
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6. What can you do in summer in Yakutsk?  
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**Task 2: Read and fill in the gaps.**

map   sleeping bag   first aid kit   camera   sun cream

1. Matt always needs to use \_\_\_\_\_. His skin is very pale.
2. We went camping last weekend. It was very uncomfortable and I was cold because I forgot my \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I love taking photos so I always take my with me \_\_\_\_\_.
4. To survive for three days in a \_\_\_\_\_ forest you need food, water and a to know where you are.
5. Jane fell and cut her leg. Fortunately, we had our \_\_\_\_\_ with us.

**Task 3: Complete the conversation between two friends. What does Megan say to Jack?**

**Choose from the answers (a–h). There are two more expressions than you need**

- Jack:** Hi, Megan! Welcome to our village!
- Megan:** 0 a
- Jack:** You're right – it is! So when did you move here?
- Megan:** 1 \_\_\_\_
- Jack:** Do you think so? I think it's a great place to live!
- Megan:** 2 \_\_\_\_
- Jack:** That's not true! What about the sports centre?
- Megan:** 3 \_\_\_\_
- Jack:** Yes, I suppose that is a problem. But I could come with you. And it's healthier living here than in the town.
- Megan:** 4 \_\_\_\_
- Jack:** You see? So living in the village isn't all bad!
- Megan:** 5 \_\_\_\_
- Jack:** Good – thanks!

- a** Yes, I like walking in the country.
- b** Maybe, but my friends aren't here to go with me.
- c** Mm, perhaps you're right. The air is certainly cleaner.
- d** Do you know it?
- e** No, I suppose not! OK, you win, Jack!
- f** About two weeks ago. But it's really quiet – and boring!
- g** Thanks, Jack! It's very different from the town!
- h** I don't agree! There's nothing to do!