

## READING

- A USE PICTURES BEFORE YOU READ** Look at the picture in the blog post. Is this place hot or cold?
- B READ FOR GIST** Read the blog post and check your answer to Exercise A.



*Susie's blog of interesting places around the world!*

**Do you think it's cold in your town in winter?**  
Read about a very, very cold town.

Oymyakon is in the north of Russia and in winter it's -50° Celsius! In this part of the world, it's always dark in winter – in December, the day is just three hours long. But the summer is very different. It's nice and light and the day is 21 hours long! How do they know when to go to bed?

Oymyakon isn't a big place. There are 500 people in the town and they live in small houses. There's a school and a shop. Some people are teachers, and there are engineers and builders, too, but life is very difficult for people in winter. They don't go out a lot because it's very cold! But guess what? Some tourists go to Oymyakon – yes! They want to know about life in this very cold place.

- C READ FOR DETAIL** Read the blog post again. Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 Oymyakon is in the ...  
a north of Russia.      b south of Russia.
- 2 It is -50° Celsius ...  
a in winter.      b in summer.
- 3 In summer, the day is ...  
a 3 hours long.      b 21 hours long.
- 4 The people of Oymyakon live in ...  
a big houses.      b small houses.
- 5 Life isn't ...  
a easy.      b difficult.

- D REFLECT** Think about the answers to these questions.

- 1 Would you like to go to Oymyakon?
- 2 Do you like winter?

## FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

### Ordering in a café

- A Complete the conversation with the phrases in the box.**

Can I have    do you want    large    please  
Small    Sorry    To take away    What can I get you

- A:** Hello.
- B:** Good afternoon. <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?
- A:** <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a cappuccino ... no ... a tea, please?
- B:** Of course. <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, medium or <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?
- A:** Medium, please. <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.
- B:** And <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ milk with that?
- A:** Yes, <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Can I have a croissant, too?
- B:** <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, we haven't got croissants today.
- A:** Oh OK. Just the tea then.
- B:** Here you are.
- A:** Thanks. Bye!