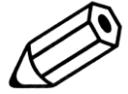


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Vocabulary Practice



- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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| 1. global | <u>E</u> | A. a book or magazine that has been published |
| 2. records | _____ | B. different from |
| 3. unlike | _____ | C. not cold (weather) |
| 4. mild | _____ | D. a statement about what you think might happen |
| 5. publication | _____ | E. world |
| 6. accurate | _____ | F. correct and true in every detail |
| 7. prediction | _____ | G. to plan how something is made |
| 8. design (v.) | _____ | H. written information |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Use plural forms and past tense when necessary.

1. *National Geographic* magazine is a famous publication.
2. Canada is a very cold country, _____ Thailand.
3. What is your _____ about tomorrow's weather? Will it be hot?
4. I want to be an architect. I want to _____ buildings.
5. The winters in England are usually _____.
6. The _____ economy isn't good. Many people are looking for jobs.
7. My dictionary isn't very good. It's doesn't give _____ definitions.
8. Birth _____ show that my great grandfather was born in 1908.

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

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2. _____

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Grammar in the News

Get Ready for -40°C In Canada This Winter

- **Complete the paragraph by circling the correct words.**

Everyone knows that the weather can be really strange sometimes. For example, the global temperatures (1)_____ August in 2016 were (2)_____ than any other summer since records began in 1880. However, unlike the mild winter and spring weather in early 2016, the winter in Canada in 2017 (3)_____ probably be quite different, according to the *Canadian Farmer's Almanac* – a publication which has (4)_____ 'amazingly accurate long-range weather predictions' (5)_____ 1818. Most of the country will see 'cold' or 'very cold' temperatures starting in October and lasting until at least February. (6)_____ only part of Canada that may not be so cold is the province of British Columbia, on the west coast. In British Columbia, it may (7)_____ stormy and rainy. (8)_____ cold is 'very cold'? Some areas in Canada are expected to be as cold as -40°C (-40°F). Compare (9)_____ with the average winter temperature at the South Pole which is -49°C ! Although most Canadians are (10)_____ cold winter weather, and Canadian homes (11)_____ designed for cold weather, -40°C certainly doesn't sound like much (12)_____!

1.

- (A) in
(B) at
(C) on

2.

- (A) hotter
(B) hot
(C) hottest

3.

- (A) is
(B) will
(C) have

4.

- (A) give
(B) given
(C) gives

5.

- (A) in
(B) for
(C) since

6.

- (A) A
(B) An
(C) The

7.

- (A) really
(B) be
(C) has

8.

- (A) How
(B) Why
(C) What

9.

- (A) these
(B) those
(C) this

10.

- (A) used to
(B) use to
(C) used

11.

- (A) was
(B) are
(C) is

12.

- (A) funny
(B) funniest
(C) fun

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How Much Do You Understand?

● **According to the article, write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.**

1. _____ The article is about unusually cold weather in Canada.
2. _____ Spring weather is always mild in Canada.
3. _____ The *Canadian Farmer's Almanac* first began in 1880.
4. _____ Cold, or very cold, weather will last for at least five months in Canada in 2017.
5. _____ Canada will probably be about 9° C colder than the South Pole.
6. _____ Most Canadians think -40° C is fun!

Discuss

● **Discuss the following questions with your classmates.**

1. Which is better: 40 degrees below zero, or 40 degrees above zero? Why?
2. Would you like to live in Canada? Why? / Why not?
3. What kinds of winter activities can you do in you do in your country?

Write

● **Choose one of the above discussion questions. Write a short paragraph to answer it.**

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My Notes



● **Vocabulary**

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|------|----------------|
| 1. E | 1. publication |
| 2. H | 2. unlike |
| 3. B | 3. prediction |
| 4. C | 4. design |
| 5. A | 5. mild |
| 6. F | 6. global |
| 7. D | 7. accurate |
| 8. G | 8. records |

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● **Article**

- | | |
|------|-------|
| 1. A | 7. B |
| 2. A | 8. A |
| 3. B | 9. C |
| 4. B | 10. A |
| 5. C | 11. B |
| 6. C | 12. C |

● **How Much Do You Understand?**

1. T
2. F (*The article doesn't say this.*)
3. F (*1818*)
4. T
5. F (*The South Pole will probably be about 9° C colder.*)
6. F (*The article doesn't say this.*)

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