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# Get Ready for -40° C

## 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.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

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# Grammar in the News

## Get Ready for $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ 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  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-40^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). Compare (9)\_\_\_\_\_ with the average winter temperature at the South Pole which is  $-49^{\circ}\text{C}$ ! Although most Canadians are (10)\_\_\_\_\_ cold winter weather, and Canadian homes (11)\_\_\_\_\_ designed for cold weather,  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  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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**Headline 'Get Ready for -40° C This Winter in Canada'**

**Grammar Focus** Mixed (includes superlatives and present perfect)

**Level** Intermediate to Upper Intermediate – CEFR B1 to B2

**ANSWER KEY Page 1**

*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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**ANSWER KEY Page 3**

● **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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