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Level 0

Coldest temperature on Earth recorded

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1312/131212-temperatures-0.html>

Scientists said the coldest place on Earth is minus 93.2 degrees Celsius. It is on Antarctica. The real temperature could be colder. It is hard to imagine such cold weather. It's a lot colder than freezing. Antarctica is 50 degrees colder than Siberia. The coldest temperature on the Moon was minus 238 degrees Celsius.

The record temperatures won't be in the Guinness Book of Records. The scientists didn't use a thermometer. They were also too close to the ice. It was too cold for a thermometer. It is so cold that people cannot breathe. When scientists go outside they use a tube. They breathe the warm air close to their skin.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-25287806>
<http://www.livescience.com/41817-coldest-places-found-antarctica.html>
<http://www.stuff.co.nz/science/9499536/Coldest-place-on-Earth-94-7C>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. the coldest place | a. imagine |
| 2. The real temperature could | b. colder |
| 3. It is hard to | c. on the Moon |
| 4. such cold | d. be colder |
| 5. It's a lot | e. Celsius |
| 6. 50 degrees colder | f. on Earth |
| 7. The coldest temperature | g. than Siberia |
| 8. minus 238 degrees | h. weather |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. record | a. cannot breathe |
| 2. The scientists didn't | b. warm air |
| 3. They were also too close | c. temperatures |
| 4. It was too | d. their skin |
| 5. It is so cold that people | e. cold for a thermometer |
| 6. When scientists go | f. to the ice |
| 7. breathe the | g. outside |
| 8. close to | h. use a thermometer |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists said (1) _____ on Earth is minus 93.2 degrees Celsius. It (2) _____. The real temperature could be colder. It is (3) _____ such cold weather. It's (4) _____ than freezing. Antarctica (5) _____ colder than Siberia. The coldest temperature (6) _____ was minus 238 degrees Celsius.

The (7) _____ won't be in the Guinness Book of Records. The scientists (8) _____ thermometer. They were (9) _____ to the ice. It was too cold (10) _____. It is so cold that (11) _____. When scientists go outside they use a tube. They breathe the (12) _____ to their skin.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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useatube.Theybreathethewarmairclosetotheirskin.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

