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Level 1

Coldest temperature on Earth recorded

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THE READING

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Scientists found the coldest place on Earth. The temperature is minus 93.2 degrees Celsius. It is on Antarctica. Scientists must do more tests. The real temperature could be colder. A scientist said it is hard to imagine such cold weather. He explained: "It's almost as cold below freezing as boiling water is above freezing." Antarctica is 50 degrees colder than Siberia. Temperatures on the Moon once reached minus 238 degrees Celsius.

The record temperatures won't be in the Guinness Book of Records. This is because scientists didn't use a thermometer. They were also too close to the ice. The scientist is sure that the records are real. He said it was too cold for a thermometer. He said it was so cold that people cannot breathe the air. When scientists go outside, they must wear a snorkel that goes inside their coat. 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>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. minus 93.2 degrees | a. be colder |
| 2. Scientists must do | b. than Siberia |
| 3. The real temperature could | c. Celsius |
| 4. it is hard to imagine | d. reached minus 238 |
| 5. below | e. more tests |
| 6. boiling | f. freezing |
| 7. 50 degrees colder | g. water |
| 8. the Moon once | h. such cold weather |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. scientists didn't | a. cannot breathe |
| 2. They were also too | b. use a thermometer |
| 3. the records | c. their skin |
| 4. it was too cold | d. close to the ice |
| 5. it was so cold that people | e. warm air |
| 6. they must wear a snorkel | f. are real |
| 7. breathe the | g. that goes inside their coat |
| 8. close to | h. for a thermometer |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists (1) _____ place on Earth. The temperature is minus 93.2 degrees Celsius. It is on Antarctica. Scientists (2) _____. The real temperature could be colder. A scientist said it is (3) _____ such cold weather. He explained: "It's (4) _____ below freezing as boiling water (5) _____." Antarctica is 50 degrees colder than Siberia. Temperatures on the Moon (6) _____ 238 degrees Celsius.

The (7) _____ won't be in the Guinness Book of Records. This is because (8) _____ a thermometer. They were also (9) _____. The scientist is sure that (10) _____. He said it was too cold for a thermometer. He said it was so cold that people (11) _____. When scientists go outside, they must wear a snorkel that goes inside their coat. They breathe the warm (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
