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Coldest temperature on Earth recorded

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THE READING

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Satellites found the coldest place on Earth. It is a temperature of minus 93.2 degrees Celsius on part of Antarctica. Scientists need to test the data more. Researchers say the real temperature could be one degree colder. The coldest temperature found before this was minus 89.2 degrees Celsius, also in Antarctica. Scientist Dr Ted Scambos 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. The Moon was once minus 238 degrees Celsius.

The temperatures the satellites measured won't be in the Guinness Book of Records. Scientists must use a thermometer a take the temperature a few meters above the ice. The satellites' temperatures were a few centimetres above the ice. Dr Scambos said he is sure that the satellites' temperatures are accurate. He also said it was too cold for a thermometer to work. 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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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. 93.2 degrees | a. water |
| 2. Scientists need to test | b. Celsius |
| 3. the real temperature could be | c. freezing |
| 4. it is hard to | d. minus 238 |
| 5. below | e. one degree colder |
| 6. boiling | f. colder |
| 7. Antarctica is 50 degrees | g. imagine such cold weather |
| 8. The Moon was once | h. the data more |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The temperatures the | a. to work |
| 2. use a thermometer to | b. above the ice |
| 3. a few centimetres | c. their skin |
| 4. the satellites' temperatures | d. satellites measured |
| 5. too cold for a thermometer | e. the warm air |
| 6. it was so cold that people | f. are accurate |
| 7. They breathe | g. cannot breathe |
| 8. close to | h. take the temperature |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Satellites (1) _____ place on Earth. It is a temperature of minus 93.2 degrees Celsius on part of Antarctica. Scientists need (2) _____ more. Researchers say the real temperature could (3) _____ colder. The coldest temperature found before this was minus 89.2 degrees Celsius, also in Antarctica. Scientist Dr Ted Scambos said it is hard to (4) _____ weather. He explained: "It's almost as cold below freezing (5) _____ above freezing." Antarctica is 50 degrees colder than Siberia. (6) _____ minus 238 degrees Celsius.

The temperatures the satellites (7) _____ in the Guinness Book of Records. Scientists must use a thermometer a take the temperature (8) _____ the ice. The satellites' temperatures were a few centimetres above the ice. Dr Scambos said he is sure that the (9) _____ are accurate. He also said it was (10) _____ thermometer to work. He said it was so cold that people cannot (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)
