

ENGLISH

Chapter 10 Session B

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SECONDARY



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A magazine article

- 1** Look at the photos and read the fact files.
What is the weather like in Mawsynram and Oymyakon?

MAWSYNRAM



OYMYAKON



OUR AMAZING WORLD

Today we're looking at extreme weather in two very different places.

Fact file MAWSYNRAM

Location: north-west India

Population: 237 families

Average rainfall: 11,871 mm



Let's start with Mawsynram in India. It isn't cold there, but it is wet. This is the wettest place in the world. The monsoon season is longer here than in any other place, and it rains every day!

The heaviest rain is at night, so people put grass on the walls and roof of their homes to stop the noise.

They stay at home most of the time in the rainy season. When they go out, they carry bamboo umbrellas over their heads.

They use the roots of living trees to make bridges across rivers. Students use these when they walk to school. The rain destroys regular bridges, but these living bridges can last for hundreds of years.

Fact file OYMYAKON

Location: north-east Russia

Population: 500

Lowest temperature: -71.2°C



In the winter, Oymyakon in Siberia is the coldest town in the world. The average temperature is -50°C, and it's dark for 21 hours of the day.

Life here isn't easy. People can only stay outside for a minute or two, and they can't make a phone call in the street because cell phones freeze!

Vegetables don't grow here, so people usually eat meat and drink reindeer milk. They hardly ever go shopping because the nearest city is two days away by car.

In other countries, students don't go to school when it snows, but in Oymyakon, snow and ice are normal. Here, schools only close when the temperature is lower than -52°C!

Life in Mawsynram and Oymyakon is more difficult than in other places, but the people of these two towns find ways to live with extreme weather every day.

2 Match each word with Mawsynram or Oymyakon. Use a dictionary to help you.

bridge freeze reindeer roots umbrella

Mawsynram

Oymyakon

Oymyakon

Mawsynram


Mawsynram

► Subskill: Understanding the main idea

The first time you read a text, read it quickly to get a general idea of what it is about.

3 Read the magazine article quickly. What is it about? Circle the correct option.

- a Weather disasters around the world
- b How the world's weather is changing
- c Living in extreme weather conditions**

4  25 Read and listen to the text. Answer the questions.



1

When does it rain every day in Mawsynram?

In the monsoon season.

2

What do people put over their heads when it rains?

They put bamboo umbrellas over their heads.

3

Why do they make bridges from trees?

Because the rain destroys normal bridges.

4

What happens to cell phones in Oymyakon?

They freeze.

5

What do people eat there? Why?

They eat meat because vegetables don't grow there.

6

When do schools close?

When temperatures are lower than -52 degrees celsius.

5 Are the sentences true for Mawsynram, Oymyakon or both?

1 People usually stay at home in extreme weather.

Both

2 In some months of the year, it's difficult to sleep

Mawsynram

3 The days are very short here.

Oymyakon

4 People use plants and trees to help them.

Mawsynram

5 The town is a long way from a big city.

Oymyakon

6 People learn to live with extreme weather.

Both

6 Word work Match the definitions to the words in bold in the text.

- 1 a loud sound
- 2 breaks completely
- 3 a type of plant – it grows in a yard or park
- 4 a typical amount of something
- 5 continue to exist
- 6 the top part of a building

noise
destroys

grass
average
last
roof

7 Complete the sentences with the words in bold in the text.

- 1 You can usually see birds on the _____ **roof** _____ of our house.
- 2 My _____ **average** _____ grade at school is 8.5.
- 3 What's that _____ **noise** _____ ? Are you having a party?
- 4 Classes at my school _____ **last** _____ 45 minutes.
- 5 Amy's sitting on the _____ **grass** _____ in the yard.
- 6 A tropical storm _____ **destroys** _____ houses and roads.



- 1 **Remember** List the things that are difficult for the people of Mawsynram and Oymyakon.
- 2 **Analyze** Order the things from most difficult to least difficult in each place.
- 3 **Evaluate** Decide which is the more difficult place to live in. Think about:

clothes daily routines food and drink
free-time activities houses transportation

Research

Find out what the average temperature and rainfall are where you live.