

THINK! Do you like hot or cold weather? How many different types of weather can you say in English?

Extreme weather around the world

The wettest place

Mawsynram in India is one of the wettest places in the world. This small ¹..... village in India gets about 12,000 millimetres of rain every year.

The hottest place

Death Valley in California is the hottest place in the USA. The highest temperature ever was 56.7°C in 1913! Although it can be really ²....., it can also be very ³..... at night, with temperatures below 0°C.

The coldest place

Vostok Station in Antarctica is probably the coldest place on Earth. The lowest temperature ever was -89.2°C in 1983! Antarctica is the ⁴..... continent at the South Pole, with about 87% of the world's ice. It can also be very ⁵..... The strongest wind ever was 327 kilometres an hour in 1972.

The foggiest place

The foggiest place in the world is Argentina in Canada. About 200 days every year are ⁶..... Newfoundland can also be very ⁷....., with a lot of thunder and lightning.

- 1 2.35 Check the meanings of the words in the box. What words can you match to photos 1–4? Listen and check.

sunny cold foggy windy icy snowy
hot rainy cloudy stormy

- 2 Complete the texts with some of the words in exercise 1.

- 3 2.36 Listen to an interview with explorer Stephanie Lowe. What do you think she is going to do in Antarctica? Listen and check your answer.

- 4 Read the Study Strategy. Then read the questions in exercise 5 carefully. Are there any answers you can guess now?

STUDY STRATEGY

Guessing answers before listening:

- Before listening, read the questions carefully.
- See how many answers you can guess.

- 5 2.36 Listen again and choose the correct answers.

- Stephanie is also a ...
a. teacher
b. photographer
c. doctor
- 98% of Antarctica is ...
a. ice
b. snow
c. water
- In Antarctica Stephanie will see ...
a. polar bears
b. polar bears and penguins
c. penguins and whales
- The weather in November will be ...
a. sunny, windy and cold
b. sunny and cold
c. cold and rainy
- The temperature will be about ...
a. -13°C b. -33°C c. -30°C
- She'll communicate with her friends and family with a special ...
a. mobile phone
b. laptop
c. radio

- 6 **USE IT!** Work in pairs. Choose a city for your next summer holiday. Ask and answer questions about the weather of that city. Use the phrases in the box and the words in exercise 1.

in spring / summer / autumn / winter
last weekend today yesterday

What's the weather like today?

It's hot and sunny.

