

Snow

WORKSHEET A

Snow falling from the sky can provoke a variety of different reactions. In countries where it is a rare event it can cause great (1) _____, especially among children, while in countries where there is snow for most of the (2) _____ (such as Canada and the north of the United States) people get so used to it that they hardly notice it any more.

People who (3) _____ the arrival of snow do so for a variety of reasons: many find snowy landscapes beautiful, some enjoy winter sports such as skiing, and some ((4) _____ children) have fun by sledging, throwing snowballs and building snowmen. In some places people do a lot more with snow than just build snowmen. For example, an (5) _____ 'snow castle' is built every year in the town of Kemi in northern Finland, including a hotel where people can spend the night. The floors, walls and (6) _____ are all made from snow and ice, as are the tables and chairs in the hotel's restaurant and bar.

In countries in the northern hemisphere, such as England, where winter does not usually bring (7) _____ snow, many people hope for a 'white Christmas', which means being able to see snow on the ground on Christmas Day. Traditional images of Christmas such as those found on Christmas cards often (8) _____ snow, even though there have only been about five white Christmases in the UK in the last thirty years.

Snow also has its downside, of course, for example making road travel slower and (9) _____ conditions more dangerous. Countries that have a lot of snow every winter are usually well prepared, however, so it causes (10) _____ problems than in countries such as England where heavy snow always seems to catch most people by surprise.

Due to global warming, it is predicted that some parts of the world that are used to snowy winters will have (11) _____ snow in the future. This winter, however, there has been no sign of rising temperatures in the ski resorts of Austria, France, Italy and Switzerland: many of them have had the (12) _____ snowfalls for many years, creating perfect skiing conditions.

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WORKSHEET **B**

Exercise 1

Fill in the gaps in the text on Worksheet A with words from the table. There are four extra words.

include	see	fewer	frequent
enormous	more	winter	great
working	welcome	heaviest	especially
excitement	driving	ceilings	less

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WORKSHEET C

Exercise 2

The text from Worksheet A has been copied below, but contains some mistakes. Twenty of the words in bold are incorrect, and five are correct. Decide which are incorrect, and correct them.

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People who welcome the (6) **arrive** of snow do so for a (7) **vary** of reasons: many find snowy landscapes beautiful, some enjoy winter sports such as (8) **ski**, and some (especially children) have fun by sledging, (9) **throwing** snowballs and building snowmen. In some places people do a lot more with snow than just build snowmen. For example, an enormous (10) 'snow **cast**' is built every year in the town of Kemi in northern Finland, including a hotel where people can (11) **spend** the night. The floors, walls and ceilings are all (12) **done** from snow and ice, as are the tables and chairs in the hotel's restaurant and bar.

In countries in the northern hemisphere, such as England, where winter does not usually bring frequent snow, many people hope (13) **for** a 'white Christmas', which means being able to see snow on the (14) **floor** on Christmas Day. Traditional (15) **image** of Christmas such as those found on Christmas cards often include snow, even though there have only been about five white (16) **Christmases** in the UK in the last thirty years.

Snow also has its downside, of course, for example making road travel (17) **slowly** and driving (18) **condition** more dangerous. Countries that have a lot of snow every winter are usually well (19) **prepare**, however, so it (20) **cause** fewer problems than in countries such as England where (21) **big** snow always seems to (22) **cat** most people by surprise.

Due to global (23) **warmth**, it is (24) **predicted** that some parts of the world that are used to snowy winters will have less snow in the future. This winter, however, there has been no sign of rising temperatures in the ski (25) **sorts** of Austria, France, Italy and Switzerland: many of them have reported the heaviest snowfalls for many years, creating perfect skiing conditions.

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WORKSHEET **D**

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In some places people do a lot more with snow than just build snowmen. For example, an enormous 'snow castle' is built every year in the town of Kemi in northern Finland, including a hotel where people can spend the night. The floors, walls and ceilings are all made from snow and ice, as are the tables and chairs in the hotel's restaurant and bar.

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