

EXTREME LIVING

Welcome to the hottest, highest and coldest places in the world!

How do people live in *Mali*, where the temperature is often 50°? John Baxer, a BBC journalist in Mali, says “People get up very early and they don’t move very much in the afternoon. Surprisingly, they wear a lot of clothes (usually cotton) as this helps them not to get dehydrated*. Houses are very hot and don’t have air conditioning – the best place to sleep is on the roof!”

La Paz in Bolivia is 4090 meters above sea level. It can be difficult to breathe because there isn’t much oxygen. Liz Tremlett, a travel agent who lives there, says, “When people arrive at Elto airport we sometimes need to give them oxygen.”

Can you imagine living in a place which is four times colder than your freezer? This is *Yakutia* in Siberia, where in winter it is often -50 or lower. Valeria Usimenko, a housewife, says, “After a few minutes outside your nose fills with ice. It snows a lot and there is always a lot of ice and snow on top of the houses. The most dangerous time is the spring – when the ice falls it can kill people! The winter is very boring because we spend all the time at home.

**dehydrated: when there isn’t enough water in your body.*

COMPREHENSION:

A. Answer these questions according to the text: (3pnts)

1. Why do people sleep on the roofs in Mali?
2. What is the name of the hottest place in the world?
3. Why there isn’t much oxygen in La Paz in Bolivia?

B. According to the text, are these statements TRUE or FALSE: (justify from the text) (2pnts)

1. People wear a lot of cotton clothes in Yakutia
2. When people land at Elto airport they need oxygen
3. In Yakutia, you need to be careful in the spring
4. People usually go out in winter in Yakutia

VOCABULARY

C. Circle the correct answer: (3pnts)

1. The Alps are a -----
mountain range - lakes - islands
2. The Mississippi is a -----
sea - volcano - river
3. Baykal is a -----
desert - lake - river

GRAMMAR

D. Use “too” or “not-----enough”: (4pnts)

1. This car can easily win the race.
It is ----- (fast)
2. Hicham can't buy this house.
He ----- (rich)
3. Stop talking!
You ----- (noisy)
4. Sorry, I can't hear you.
Your voice ----- (loud)

E. Look at the chart below and fill the blanks: (4pnts)

Hot pizza	Fish meal	dessert	Chicken meal
7£	12 £	3 £	12 £
hot	very delicious	sweet	quite delicious

1. Hot pizza is ----- (cheap) than fish meal, but dessert is the-----
----- (cheap).
2. Fish meal is as ----- chicken meal. (expensive)
3. Chicken meal is----- than fish meal. (delicious)

F. fill the blanks with the past simple of the verb “to be”: (4pnts)

1. Where ----- you last year?
2. I ----- at Colly secondary School.
3. She ----- at school yesterday. She was at the supermarket.
4. -----your sister at work this morning?

GOOD LUCK