

1. Answer the questions below in pairs or small groups:

- What is your favourite season and why?
- Have you ever been caught in bad weather?
- Do you think weather affects the way people feel?
- How can extreme weather conditions affect the economy and social life?

2. Complete the phrases below with the missing chilly, wintery words and then match the expressions to their definitions on the right.

Cold x 6, Freeze, Ice, Iceberg, Snowball, Snowed

In **cold** blood

Without feeling

The **snowball** effect

A situation in which something increases at a faster and faster rate

The tip of the **iceberg**

A small part of a much larger problem

To **freeze** up

To be unable to speak

To be **snowed** under

To have more work than you can deal with

To be on thin **ice**

To be doing something risky

To break out in a **cold** sweat

To become extremely worried or anxious

To get **cold** feet

To suddenly feel that you are not brave enough to do something

To give someone the **cold** shoulder

To ignore someone intentionally

To go **cold** turkey

To stop doing or using something abruptly

To leave someone out in the **cold**

To exclude somebody from an activity

- 3. Complete the sentences below with the missing words. To give your memory a bit of a workout, do the task without looking UP. I gave you the first letter of each word. How very generous of me ;) I know.**
1. Do you think going cold **turkey** is the best way to deal with an addiction?
 2. Do you usually think things over in cold **blood** or do you tend to act on impulse?
 3. Give an example of a situation where the success of someone has had the snowball **effect** of making others successful?
 4. Give examples of people whose success is just the tip of the **iceberg** and who have had to fight very hard to get to the position they are at.
 5. Have you ever been **left** out in the cold e.g. when it came to promotions at work?
How did it make you feel?
 6. Is giving someone the cold **shoulder** an 'effective communication strategy'?
 7. Is there anything you used to be terrified of, but now you can do it without **breaking** out in a cold **sweat**?
 8. When was the last time you were absolutely **snowed** under with work? How did you cope with the amount of work you had and how did you avoid becoming overwhelmed?
 9. When was the last time you were on **thin** ice with your English teacher?
 10. Why do you think so many people **freeze** up when they speak in public and what is the best way to avoid it?
 11. Why do you think some people get cold **feet** before marriage?