

1. The weather hasn't been very cold this year. I think we're in for quite a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) mild winter
  - b) calm winter
  - c) mild cold
  - d) weak season
  
2. It's \_\_\_\_\_ today. I'm freezing!
  - a) cold snap
  - b) bitterly winter
  - c) bitterly cold
  - d) perish
  
3. The children really want to see snow this year. They're hoping for a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) Jack Frost Christmas
  - b) Christmas white
  - c) snow Christmas
  - d) white Christmas
  
4. The weather forecast says there's \_\_\_\_\_ coming in later today. Be sure to put on plenty of warm clothes. It's going to be pretty chilly out there.
  - a) parky
  - b) a cold front
  - c) the Arctic
  - d) a light breeze
  
5. Every year birds migrate so that they can \_\_\_\_\_ in a warmer place.
  - a) live forever
  - b) winter
  - c) relocate
  - d) settle
  
6. Jim's friends and family are very religious. They think divorce is wrong. When he split up with his wife they stopped talking to him. They left him \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) in the cold shoulder
  - b) in the cold
  - c) out in the cold
  - d) in the hot water

## ANSWERS:

1. The weather hasn't been very cold this year. I think we're in for quite a \_\_\_\_\_.

a) **This is the right answer. Well done! It means the weather in winter isn't very cold.**

b) You need a different adjective from 'cold' in this expression to describe a winter that isn't very cold.

c) You need a different noun from 'cold' in this expression for a winter that isn't very cold.

d) This expression doesn't exist in English. Try again for an expression that means 'a winter that isn't very cold.'

2. It's \_\_\_\_\_ today. I'm freezing!

a) A 'cold snap' describes sudden, cold weather. For example, you can say 'there was a sudden cold snap last week', but you can't say 'it's cold snap.' Try again.

b) You need a different noun from 'winter' with 'bitterly' to describe very cold weather.

c) **This is correct. Well done!**

d) You can describe how cold it is by saying 'it's perishing' but not 'it's perish' Try again.

3. The children really want to see snow this year. They're hoping for a \_\_\_\_\_.

a) Jack Frost is a fictional character that is supposed to create very icy weather. You need a different word with 'Christmas' that means 'snow at Christmas time.' Try again.

b) The words are in the wrong order. Try again.

c) You need another word from 'snow' in this expression which means 'snow at Christmas time.' Try again.

d) **This is the right choice. Well done!**

4. The weather forecast says there's \_\_\_\_\_ coming in later today. Be sure to put on plenty of warm clothes. It's going to be pretty chilly out there.

a) This is an informal word for 'cold'. Here, you need an expression which describes cold weather that follows warm weather.

**b) This is the right choice. Well done!**

c) The Arctic is the most northern part of the world, which is very cold. Try again.

d) A light breeze is a not very strong wind. Here, you need an expression which describes cold weather that follows warm weather.

5. Every year birds migrate so that they can \_\_\_\_\_ in a warmer place.

a) The correct answer means 'live somewhere during the winter months', not 'live there for the rest of your life.'

**b) 'Winter' is usually used as a noun but it can also (as here) be used as a verb to mean 'live somewhere warm during the winter months'. Birds, as well as people, can 'winter.'**

c) and d) This means 'go somewhere new and live there for a very long time.' The correct answer means 'live somewhere only during the winter months.'

6. Jim's friends and family are very religious. They think divorce is wrong. When he split up with his wife they stopped talking to him. They left him \_\_\_\_\_.

a) You 'give someone the cold shoulder' (if you are unfriendly to him or her) but you can't 'leave someone in the cold shoulder.' Try again.

b) This expression doesn't exist in English. You need one more word to create the correct idiom.

**c) Well done! This idiom means no one is being friendly to him.**

d) He can be 'in hot water' (meaning to be trouble for doing something wrong) but not 'left in the hot water'. Try again.

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