**Actuele lesbrief Engels – Snowfall**

**Voor de docent**

In het zuidwesten van Europa brengt storm Filomena zwaar winterweer met zich mee. De situatie wordt uitzonderlijk en zelfs wel historisch genoemd.

**ERK-niveau**

Lezen B1 – *Lezen om informatie op te doen: Kan hoofdthema en belangrijkste argumenten begrijpen in eenvoudige teksten in tijdschriften, kranten of op internet. (LEB1-3d)*

Leesstrategieën - *Kan de betekenis van zo nu en dan voorkomende onbekende woorden afleiden uit de context en de betekenis van zinnen herleiden, op voorwaarde dat het besproken onderwerp bekend is.*

**Intro**

South-Western Europe was hit by heavy snowfall after Storm Filomena.

Assignment 1

Read the assignment and write down the answers in English. You may use English-language Internet sources to help you.

a Write down five or more words related to winter.

b In which country lies:  
1 Derbyshire  
2 Buxton  
3 Madrid

**Snowfall**

Storm Filomena caused heavy snowfall in parts of South-Western Europe. Road, rail and air travel were disrupted.

Read all about it [here](https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-derbyshire-55651422).

Assignment 2

Read the text. Connect the words and expressions that have the same meaning in the text.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 1. an expat | 1. cold |
| 1. an event | 1. different from what is normal or expected |
| 1. to enjoy | 1. extreme; very heavy |
| 1. a helping | 1. feeling wonder because something happened that you did not expect |
| 1. unusual | 1. long strip of ground where airplanes take off and land |
| 1. a native | 1. noisy excitement and confusion |
| 1. to self-isolate | 1. to not leave  your home for some time because you might be sick |
| 1. actually | 1. a person who was born or raised in a particular place |
| 1. phenomenal | 1. a pleasant extra thing |
| 1. runway | 1. a portion |
| 1. commotion | 1. really |
| 1. intense | 1. someone who does not live in his own country |
| 1. a bonus | 1. something that happens |
| 1. surprised | 1. to take pleasure in something |
| 1. chilly | 1. very impressive or remarkable |

Assignment 3

a What happened to Gregory Foulger and his family?

1 First they had lots of snow at home in Spain, then they visited England and it snowed again.

2 First they had lots of snow in England, then they went home to Spain and it snowed again.

3 They moved to Madrid and for the first time in their life they had a white Christmas.

4 They moved to Spain because of Brexit and had to self-isolate for ten days.

b “We were lucky to get home,” said Mr Foulger.   
Why were they lucky?

1 At home, they could enjoy the snow again and build three snowmen.

2 In Madrid, many roads were impossible to drive on, but they still got home.

3 In the plane, they met some players of Real Madrid before they went home.

4 They managed to get home just before the airport was closed.

c “Mr Foulger admitted his family were not prepared for the chilly conditions in Spain.”  
In what way were they not prepared?

1 Their home in Madrid was not warm enough for the cold weather.

2 They didn’t have enough food at home in Madrid.

3 They left a lot of their winter clothes in England.

4 They were really surprised there was extra snow.