**Actuele lesbrief Engels – Just Chill**

**Voor de docent**

Een koude periode in veel West-Europese landen. Vijf weetjes over de kou.

**ERK-niveau – Lezen B2**

Oriënterend lezen: Kan snel lange, complexe teksten doorlezen en de relevante details vinden. (LEB2-2a)

Leesstrategieën – *Kan gebruikmaken van uiteenlopende strategieën om tot tekstbegrip te komen, waaronder het letten op hoofdpunten.* – *Kan van minder frequente woorden en uitdrukkingen de betekenis controleren door gebruik te maken van websites, (online) fora en eentalige woordenboeken.*

**Intro**

Temperatures have dropped well below freezing in many places across the United Kingdom.

Assignment 1

You may use English-language Internet sources to help you.

a Name 5 or more words related to cold.

b Name 5 or more words related to warm.

**Just Chill**

The year has started out freezing cold in many European countries. The UK has been facing some icy weather as well. In some places temperatures reached -13C overnight last week.

Read the answers to [some big questions about cold weather](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/68016435).

Assignment 2

Read the text. Find (and mark) the following words in the text:

*perilous – to grip – to thaw – rapidly – water vapour – to tense – (to) tremor – chilly – to cope – nerves*

Match the above words and expressions with their correct definitions.

a to become stiff and unrelaxed

b bitter cold

c dangerous

d to deal with

e to grab or hold tightly

f long thin bands that sends messages between your brain and other parts of your body

g to shake

h to stop being frozen; to melt

i tiny drops of water mixed with the air

j very quickly

Assignment 3

a Temperatures have dropped “*well below freezing*”. What does this expression mean?

1 It is more or less 0 degrees Celsius outdoors.

2 It is just as well that it is freezing.

3 Temperatures are much lower than 0 degrees Celsius.

4 Thermometers are dropping to the ground because it is freezing.

b What is enamel?

1 A hard outer layer of your teeth that protects them.

2 A medicine that protects your teeth against the cold.

3 A protection that your dentist can put on your teeth.

4 A special tooth paste to whiten and protect your teeth.

c How much snow can 2 centimetres of water make?

1 2 centimetres

2 12 centimetres

3 24 centimetres

4 36 centimetres