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Oymyakon Interviews

This sheet contains the transcript of an interview with a meteorologist working in the area of Oymyakon, Siberia. Unfortunately, the voice recorder was not working very well as it was affected by the sub-zero temperatures, like most electrical equipment is.

Reconstruct these snippets of recordings, and try to fill in the gaps to help write an explanation as to why Oymyakon is so cold.

Because we are in the far East of Siberia, we are...

The town is high....

... a long way from the ocean....

Around seven hundred....

The valley means that cold air sinks down into a 'bowl' and

We are below freezing for months...

The sun is really weak as it's low in the sky at this latitude...

... we are surrounded by mountains, these are....

The ice and snow sits on the ground for most of the year, so a lot of the energy from the sun is...

... we call this the albedo...

Wind chill makes temperatures feel a lot colder than they....

... a long way from the

During the winter months, days are short, lasting only....