**Highlights at the research station**

**A: Listen to the audio (track 41) and fill in the missing words**

What a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a day makes ... Today is Sunday, 28th \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2007. Last Tuesday morning it was minus 36 degrees, the kind of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I’ve acclimatised to over the winter. I’ve learnt not to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ certain things – like touching metal with bare \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, for example. But how fast things can change ... By Wednesday afternoon it was unbelievably hot – minus three \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. That’s a change of 33 degrees in just a few hours! It didn’t take long for us to meet outside: celebrating in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and T-shirts, running around wildly, touching things with gloveless hands and making \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Usually, the snow is too dry and powdery; now, our snowballs finally stick together. All outside doors were kept wide open to let in that summer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. But of course, it didn’t last. It’s back to minus 28 again as I’m writing. It did give us a taste, though, of what’s to come in the sunny \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ahead.

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Solution:

What a difference a day makes ... Today is Sunday, 28th October 2007. Last Tuesday morning it was minus 36 degrees, the kind of temperature I’ve acclimatised to over the winter. I’ve learnt not to do certain things – like touching metal with bare skin, for example. But how fast things can change ... By Wednesday afternoon it was unbelievably hot – minus three degrees. That’s a change of 33 degrees in just a few hours! It didn’t take long for us to meet outside: celebrating in shorts and T-shirts, running around wildly, touching things with gloveless hands and making snowballs. Usually, the snow is too dry and powdery; now, our snowballs finally stick together. All outside doors were kept wide open to let in that summer feeling. But of course, it didn’t last. It’s back to minus 28 again as I’m writing. It did give us a taste, though, of what’s to come in the sunny months ahead.