Winter Weather

1. Describe today's weather. What is the temperature? Is there a wind chill factor? Why do you think that people in Canada talk about the weather so often?

2. Do you enjoy Canadian or American winters? What do you like best about Canadian winters? How is your home or apartment heated? What kind of heat is it? Is it warm enough?

3. Which do you prefer, Canadian winters or the winters in your hometown? Do you know what the weather's like in your home town today? Do you have a rainy season? What is it like? It feels humid.

4. Which Canadian outdoor activities have you tried? What is your favourite winter sport? Snowboarding, snow tubing, sledding,
5. Where would you rank winter as a season if 1 is the best and 4 is the worst?

6. Which of the following winter clothing have you had to buy since you arrived in Canada? Which of these would you wear during winters in your home country?

   Snow pants, scarf, snowsuit, toque, mitts, gloves, snow boots, thermal underwear, winter coat, earmuffs, down or quilted jacket

7. What has surprised you most about Canadian winters?

8. What is a "snow angel?" Have you made one? Have you made a snowman?

9. Do you enjoy taking walks in the winter? Why or why not?

10. Do you enjoy driving in the winter? Does your car have snow tires or all wheel drive?

11. What do you carry in your car during winter that you don't need at other times of the year? Have you ever had a dead battery due to cold weather? What did you do?

12. Do you think the winter weather affects how we feel? How? Are there any special foods or drinks that you usually only enjoy in the winter?

13. When do you think we will have the last snowstorm this winter? Do you think that this winter has been unusual? How?

14. What do the following words and phrases mean? How would you use them?

• "dead of winter"	• "blizzard"
• "whiteout"	• "ice storm"
• "sleet"	• "wind chill"

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• "black ice"	• "snowdrift"

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