

Our amazing world

Today we're looking at extreme weather in two very different places.

Let's start with Mawsynram in India. It isn't cold there, but it is wet. This is the wettest place in the world. The monsoon season is longer here than in any other place, and it rains every day!

The heaviest rain is at night, so people put grass on the walls and roof of their homes to stop the noise.

They stay at home most of the time in the rainy season. When they go out, they carry bamboo umbrellas over their heads.

They use the roots of living trees to make bridges across rivers. Students use these when they walk to school. The rain destroys normal bridges, but these living bridges can last for hundreds of years.

In winter, Oymyakon in Siberia is the coldest town in the world. The average temperature is -50°C , and it's dark for 21 hours of the day.

Life here isn't easy. People can only stay outside for a minute or two, and they can't make a phone call in the street because mobile phones freeze!

Vegetables don't grow here, so people usually eat meat and drink reindeer milk. They hardly ever go shopping because the nearest city is two days away by car.

In other countries, students don't go to school when it snows, but in Oymyakon, snow and ice are normal. Here, schools only close when the temperature is lower than -52°C !

Life in Mawsynram and Oymyakon is more difficult than in other places, but the people of these two towns find ways to live with extreme weather every day.

Fact file**OYMYAKON**

Location: north-east Russia
Population: 500
Lowest temperature: -71.2°C

**Fact file****MAWSYNRAM**

Location: north-west India
Population: 237 families
Average rainfall: 11,871 mm

