

Reading Comprehension

Read the letter below and answer the following questions:

Dear Rachel

You know, it got very cold here this past week, and it snowed! Not much snow for German standards, but a lot nonetheless. I went for a walk across the field near my house today and into the forest. Forests in the wintertime are so beautiful; I am now realizing how fortunate I am to have been born here! I feel privileged to experience such wonderful seasons here. The seasons are very pronounced in Germany, more so than in the UK. Summer is hot and sunny, autumn is painted yellow and red, and winter is cold, sometimes very cold, with lots of snow. And spring is actually quite similar to spring in the UK. I'll try to get hold of a camera; unfortunately I haven't got one at the moment. I can then take some pictures of the forest for you to see. Have you ever seen trees whose long and thin twigs are completely encased in layers of ice? Where the whole forest is filled with crackling noises when the wind blows through the canopies because the ice around the twigs cracks slightly when they bend? And tall tree trunks, having lost all their leaves, stand firm – their highest branches move back and forth slowly, 30m above you when you throw your head back to take a glance at the sky. You see individual rays of sunlight, shining through the gaps between the trees. You also see very fine snowflakes, like dust of ice, slowly falling through the air. It is so beautiful that you wonder how people could forget how special this earth is and instead, turn to spending all their time sitting in an office, typing letters on a keyboard, not to earn a living, but to earn the admiration of others.

Write to me,

Love

Christian

Questions

1) Why does Christian feel fortunate and privileged?

Ans. _____

2) According to him, which season in Germany is the same as it is in the UK?

Ans. _____

3) Describe in Christian's words how German forests look and sound like in winter.

Ans. _____

4) What does the beauty of nature make Christian wonder about?

Ans. _____

5) Fill in the blanks:

a) Forests in ----- are so beautiful.

b) Summer is hot and -----, autumn is painted yellow and -----

c) You can also see very fine -----, like dust of ice.

d) I went for a ----- across the field near my house.

e) How could people forget how special this ----- is.