

Fill in the gaps with the given words: rigid, frozen, glacial, average, affect, mine, hover, melt, pose.

Shrouded in Ice and Fog, This City Is the Coldest in the World

With temperatures that _____ around the -40° Fahrenheit mark for at least three months of the year, Yakutsk in eastern Siberia claims the title of coldest city in the world. Sure, other places have recorded more _____ weather, such as the 500-person settlement of Oymyakon, 575 miles to the east, which recently suffered a -88° cold spell, or Antarctica, where the _____ temperature in winter is -76° , but neither boast a fully functioning city like Yakutsk, home to over 280,000 people. Since the soil is permanently _____, most buildings are raised on stilts. Those that aren't are slowly sinking because the heat generated inside the buildings is _____ the permafrost.

Still, the region's underground riches make up for the challenges _____ by the weather. Local _____ account for about a fifth of the world's production of diamonds, while other sites hold natural gas, oil, gold, silver, and other sought-after minerals.

In 2013, [Steeve Luncker](#), who grew up in the Swiss Alps (averaging 25° Fahrenheit from December to the end of February) decided to witness firsthand how such _____ temperatures _____ the body, the soul, and social life. Upon landing, he recalls, the daughter of his host, who came to pick him up from the airport, scanned him from head to toe. Hat? Check. Gloves? Check. Scarf? Check. Boots? Check.