

## Unit 12

1. Many people believe Antarctica is so cold that only seals and penguins can live there. Yet on this frozen continent, scientists have discovered some strange forms of life, such as wingless flies and other insects. These creatures survive because their bodies contain a natural antifreeze. Tiny new animals have been discovered in the waters beneath Antarctica's ice. They have no eyes or mouths. They may get their food through roots, like plants.

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2. If you live in the deep South or the Southwest, you may have seen an armadillo. **Armadillo** means "little one in armor." The Spanish gave the animal this name because its back is covered with a shell of bony plates. When in danger, an armadillo rolls into a ball and is almost completely protected by its shell. Today naturalists report that armadillos are moving north. They have been spotted in Oklahoma.

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3. People in the United States often complain about the cost of beef, but nowhere is beef as costly as the famous Kobe beef of Japan. Kobe cattle are pampered from birth. They are given special food and drink two gallons of special liquid each day. Some Japanese are only too happy to pay the price for this delicious beef, often more than \$300 per pound.

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4. Chocolate was popular with the Mayans and the Aztecs. They grew cacao beans and mixed them with honey and water to make a delicious drink. Europeans mixed chocolate with hot milk and sugar to create hot chocolate. Because of its sweet taste, chocolate came to be popular as a gift, particularly for a sweetheart.

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5. People often say "as light as a cloud" when they talk about something very light. Actually, they should say "as heavy as a cloud," for a large cloud can weigh many tons. Clouds are made of small drops of water, and water has weight. Clouds do not fall on us because the tiny drops of water drift on rising currents of air.

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1. The paragraph tells mainly
    - (A) who discovered new life in Antarctica.
    - (B) why Antarctica flies have no wings.
    - (C) how seals and penguins survive in Antarctica.
    - (D) what unusual creatures live in Antarctica.
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2. The paragraph tells mainly
    - (A) which nation named the armadillo.
    - (B) how the armadillo looks and acts.
    - (C) why the armadillo is moving north.
    - (D) what the name **armadillo** means.
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3. The paragraph tells mainly
    - (A) how much Kobe beef costs.
    - (B) what beef costs in America.
    - (C) how many people eat beef.
    - (D) what Kobe cattle eat.
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4. The paragraph tells mainly
    - (A) why the Aztecs mixed chocolate with honey.
    - (B) how Europeans created hot chocolate.
    - (C) how chocolate is taken from the cacao bean.
    - (D) about some uses of chocolate in history.
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5. The paragraph tells mainly
  - (A) why clouds move so fast.
  - (B) why clouds are light.
  - (C) what makes clouds heavy.
  - (D) where water is found.