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Some scientists _____________ on their bases in Antarctica all year round, even _____________ the _____________ winter _____________.

Winter starts when the sun sets in February, and ends when the sun rises in August. No planes can land because of the very cold _____________ so there is no fresh food for the whole winter. The people who are left have to find different ways to keep _____________ entertained.

Many bases celebrate Midwinter’s Day on June 21st. It is the middle of the long winter. Midwinter’s Day was first _____________ in 1898 by the crew of a ship _____________ in ice. This day has become an _____________ tradition in Antarctica.

Now, it means everyone on an Antarctic base can wear their best _____________, give each other gifts and have a _____________ feast. All the bases and ships in the area send each other greetings by e-mail and fax and there are _____________ shows broadcast on the radio, with _____________ from _____________ and friends. There are also some _____________ traditions such as the Polar Plunge. This _____________ jumping into the _____________ cold sea.

Midwinter’s Day gives people in Antarctica a welcome _____________ from the _____________ winter. It means they can start _____________ down the days until they will see the sun again.
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