Sikkim is a state in the north-eastern part of India. The capital of Sikkim is Gangtok. It is a nice city. People in Sikkim speak Nepali, Lepcha, Bhutia, Limbu and English.

Sikkim has hilly areas and rocky slopes. People use terrace farming. They get water from the mountain streams. People grow tea, cardamom, ginger, apples and oranges.

The forest regions of Sikkim have a wide variety of plants, birds and animals. Pine and oak trees, and bamboo and banana grow in plenty. We find different kinds of orchids. Along with the red panda, which is the state animal, snow leopards and musk deer are also found.

Kangchenjunga, the world’s third highest peak, is located in Sikkim.

The weather is cold in Sikkim.
Let’s Try This

1. Write ‘T’ for true and ‘F’ for false statements in brackets. One has been done for you.
   (i) The weather of Sikkim is cold. (T)
   (ii) Gangtok is the capital of Sikkim. ( )
   (iii) Gangtok is a dirty city. ( )
   (iv) The elephant is the state animal of Sikkim ( )
   (v) Almost every person in Sikkim can understand more than one language. ( )

2. Locate Sikkim on the map of India.

3. Fill in the blanks with correct forms of the words given in the brackets. One has been done for you.
   Ibetombi lives (live) in Manipur. Her house is near the Loktak lake. She ________ (like) to _________ (read) stories. She ______ (do) not like cold weather. She ________ (want) to go to Chennai in winter.
   Peter is Ibetombi’s friend. Last year he _________ (visit) Gangtok in December. He ______ (do) not ________ (like) the cold weather. Now he ________ (want) to _________ (see) Goa.

4. When you hear the word ‘weather’ what are the things that come to your mind? Write them down in the circles. One has been done for you.
5. **Listen and repeat.**
   
   tail      tell  
   bail      bell  
   fail      fell  
   sail      sell  
   wail      well

6. **Fill in the blanks. Choose the opposites from the list given below.** One has been done for you.

   - hot  dirty  ugly
   - low  easy  bad

   (i) This roof is not high, it is low.
   (ii) This question is not ____________, it is difficult.
   (iii) That place is not clean, it is ________.
   (iv) My shirt is not ____________, it is beautiful.
   (v) My school is not ____________, it is good.
   (vi) Sikkim is cold, it is not ____________.

7. **Write a paragraph about the place you live in. You may use the following hints.**

   language(s) spoken  
   nearest city or town  
   special things  
   crops  
   birds and animals  
   any other details
Let’s Practise

Milk Rain Come Bird

Dance Potter Watch Light
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