

Unit CC12-A [d] code—[ld] cold

Story

Listen to the story as your teacher reads it, or on tape, until you understand the main ideas.

Joan is in the military, and she has an unusual assignment. She works at a station north of the Arctic Circle. It's (1) **cold** there, extremely cold, but she stays inside her quarters most of the time. When she goes out, it's for only a few minutes, and then she goes back inside quickly. After all, there's no place to go. Everything is covered with ice and snow. There are not even any roads there. The only way for her to get in and out is by helicopter. Once a month, a helicopter flies in to unload supplies and load up things to be taken out.

At the station, Joan helps maintain machines that transmit military messages from one part of the world to another. If you think that she knows a lot of military secrets because of her work, you will be disappointed. Once, when I was bold enough to ask her about that, she told me that she really doesn't know any. Sometimes, when she's checking a machine, she sees a message on the screen, but it's in (2) **code**. She can't even read it.

**Contrasting Sentences**

Listening: Write the appropriate key word in each blank. Later, as you hear each sentence, mark the box, point to the picture, make a gesture, and/or say the rejoinder. Speaking: Choose and say each sentence so that your listener(s) can respond correctly.

- It's _____. (Let's go inside.)
- It's _____. (I can't read it.)

Explanations and diagrams for this unit's target sounds are on pages 351–52 in Section 10.