

Listening Exercise: The Driest Place on Earth

Vocabulary:

1. Many people enjoy living near the **coast** because they love the sound of ocean waves.

- a) a high mountain
- b) the land near the sea
- c) a busy city

2. This area is the **driest** part of the country--there has been almost no rain for years.

- a) has the least water
- b) is the most colorful
- c) has the most people

3. The Sahara is a large **desert**, where it is very hot during the day and there is very little rain.

- a) a rainy forest
- b) a cold, snowy place
- c) a dry, sandy area

4. It has been a **decade** since we last saw them--such a long time!

- a) one hour
- b) ten years
- c) one hundred years

5. The mountain was hard to **reach**, so we had to hike for two days to get there.

- a) talk to
- b) get to or arrive at
- c) look at from far away

6. Some animals can **survive** in very cold weather by growing thick fur and finding food under the snow.

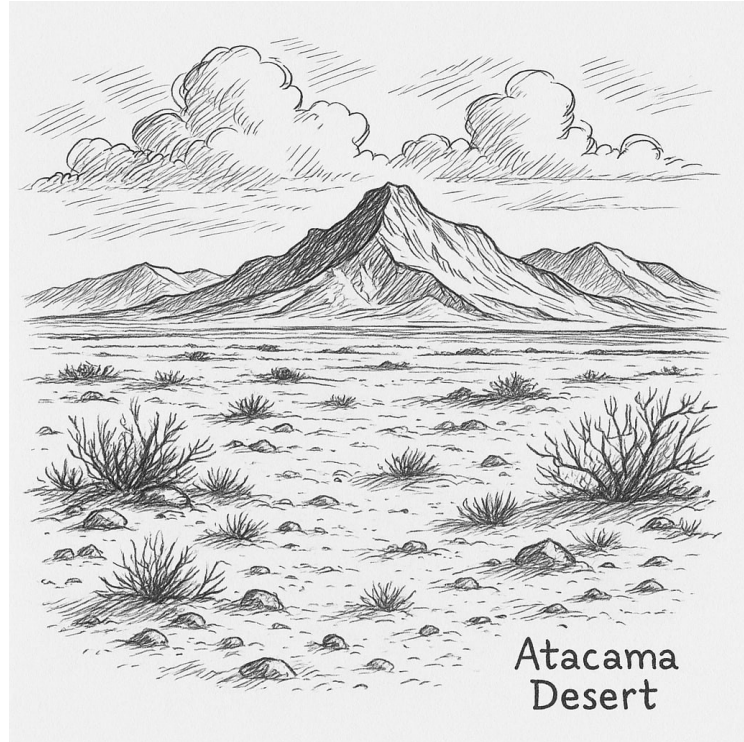
- a) stay alive
- b) grow fast
- c) travel far

7. Rivers and lakes are important water **sources** for many towns.

- a) problems
- b) types of animals
- c) places where something comes from

8. Every morning, the villagers **collect** water from the fog nets. They use buckets to take the water home.

- a) gather together
- b) drink
- c) clean



9. It was hard to see while driving because there was a lot of **fog**--the wet air made everything look white.

- a) strong wind b) cloudy air near the ground c) falling snow

10. The **minimum** amount of money needed to buy a bus ticket is \$2. If you have less, you can't ride.

- a) largest possible b) average c) the smallest necessary

Listening:

The audio can be found at: ESLFrog.com/driest-place-on-earth/

1. What is the man's name?

- a) Nathan b) Ethan c) Lynne

2. Where is the Atacama Desert?

- a) Africa b) Siberia c) Chile

3. How often does it rain in the center of the Atacama Desert?

- a) A few drops of rain every year
b) A few millimeters per decade
c) Never

4. Are there people living in the center of the desert?

- a) Yes, many towns b) A few villages c) No, it's too dangerous

5. Where do people live in the Atacama Desert?

- a) In the middle of the desert b) Along the coast c) In the mountains

6. How do people in the Atacama get water?

- a) From rain
b) From lakes and rivers
c) From water trucks and saving water

7. What do people in the Atacama use to make water from fog?

- a) Fish b) Nets c) Plastic bottles

8. Where did the idea of fog-catching come from?

- a) Canada b) Chile c) Siberia

9. How much water can fog-catchers make in one village per day?

- a) 1,000 liters b) 10,000 liters c) 100,000 liters

10. What is the minimum amount of water one person needs per day?

- a) 15 liters b) 50 liters c) 500 liters