

e-future PYP Readers

LEVEL 4-8

Desert



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A Match the words to the correct definitions.

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| 1. outfit | • | • | a. to take and hold something with your hand(s) |
| 2. suggestion | • | • | b. to make or do something the same way as someone else |
| 3. wrist | • | • | c. an idea about what someone should do or how someone should behave |
| 4. imitate | • | • | d. the part of your body where your hand joins your arm |
| 5. parka | • | • | e. a set of clothes that are worn together |
| 6. grasp | • | • | f. when events happen at the same time in a way that is not planned or expected |
| 7. coincidence | • | • | g. a very warm jacket with a hood |

B Write the antonym for the given word. Change the form if needed.

deserted ordinary silence frigid humongous

- They stood in the darkness and the _____ .
noise
- There's no one around. The place is _____ bigger.
crowded
- Flip-flops are OK for _____ walking.
unusual
- That sand dune is _____ !
tiny
- What if the desert is dry but _____ ?
hot

C Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

up for of behind in with

1. It was hard to walk, and she soon fell _____ Max.
2. "I'm ready _____ a desert if there is one," he said.
3. They used the timer on a phone to keep track _____ their time.
4. I walked as fast as I could, but I was unable to keep _____ the pace.
5. She grabbed the rope, and _____ an instant it was easier.
6. The facts of a desert were in conflict _____ their thoughts of a desert.

D Write advice using the pattern.

Suggestions and Advice with *If I were you ...*

It's common to give suggestions and advice in this form:

If I were* you, I'd (I would) change my shoes.
= I'd change my shoes if I were you.

*In unreal *if* sentences (second conditional), we usually use **were** for all subjects. Using *was* is OK informally.

1. A: I can't decide if I want to keep taking piano lessons or not.
B: _____.
2. A: I'm so tired I can hardly stay awake, but I have a project to finish by tomorrow.
B: _____
3. A: I got mad at my best friend and said something really mean to her. Now I feel guilty.
B: _____

A Complete the answers to the questions.

1. Why do the girls wish to go on a desert adventure?

She was _____.



2. What is the world's biggest desert?

_____ is the world's biggest desert.



3. What was the first question the attendants asked?

They asked whether the kids wanted _____ or _____.



4. What was it like inside?

_____.



B Circle T for true or F for false. (pp. 8-13)

1. For their adventure, the kids needed to climb a sand dune in thirty minutes.

T / F

2. They put on their wet shoes to avoid burning their feet.

T / F

3. Everyone except Mitzi agreed to use the rope.

T / F

4. Catina saw that Mitzi was having trouble and helped her.

T / F

5. By the time the kids got to the top, the sand had become snow.

T / F

6. They used snowboards to go down the other side.

T / F

C Match and complete the sentences.

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| 1. At the beginning of the story, the kids | • | • a. was limited. |
| 2. A desert island | • | • b. felt good about her friends. |
| 3. The kids have to wait while the attendants | • | • c. are hot and some are cold. |
| 4. Their time to complete the adventure | • | • d. get the desert ready. |
| 5. Some deserts | • | • e. is one with no people. |
| 6. At the end of the story, Mitzi | • | • f. were wearing flip-flops. |

D Complete the summary with the correct words.

humongous hot rope snow deserted coincidence cold

Because their shoes are wet, the kids wonder if there's an adventure that's dry. By 1. _____, there is one called Desert.

The children discuss what deserts are like. The girls hadn't known that some deserts are 2. _____. But finally, they agree to try it. When they arrive at the adventure, it seems 3. _____ at first. Then the attendants open the door. The children request a 4. _____ desert and go inside. One attendant shows them a 5. _____ sand dune. He says they must climb it and go down the other side in ten minutes, before the sand turns into 6. _____. Max takes out a 7. _____, and they all use it to pull each other up. At the top the children find snowboards. They race down the dune just as it starts to get cold.