

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 |
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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 silence .
noise
- There's no one around. The place is deserted bigger.
crowded
- Flip-flops are OK for ordinary walking.
unusual
- That sand dune is humongous !
tiny
- What if the desert is dry but frigid ?
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 out Max.
2. "I'm ready for a desert if there is one," he said.
3. They used the timer on a phone to keep track of their time.
4. I walked as fast as I could, but I was unable to keep up the pace.
5. She grabbed the rope, and in an instant it was easier.
6. The facts of a desert were in conflict with 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.

[Sample answers]

1. A: I can't decide if I want to keep taking piano lessons or not.
B: I'd keep taking the lessons if I were you.
2. A: I'm so tired I can hardly stay awake, but I have a project to finish by tomorrow.
B: If I were you, I'd tell the teacher and ask for another day.
3. A: I got mad at my best friend and said something really mean to her. Now I feel guilty.
B: If I were you, I'd apologize and do something nice for her.

A Complete the answers to the questions.

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

She was to dry their shoes / to wear dry shoes.



2. What is the world's biggest desert?

The Antarctic is the world's biggest desert.



3. What was the first question the attendants asked?

They asked whether the kids wanted hot or cold.



4. What was it like inside?

It was dark.



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. coincidence , there is one called Desert.

The children discuss what deserts are like. The girls hadn't known that some deserts are 2. cold . But finally, they agree to try it. When they arrive at the adventure, it seems 3. deserted at first. Then the attendants open the door. The children request a 4. hot desert and go inside. One attendant shows them a 5. humongous sand dune. He says they must climb it and go down the other side in ten minutes, before the sand turns into 6. snow . Max takes out a 7. rope , 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.