Reading time

Pre- Reading

Think about the following Questions

1.Do you know where deserts exist in the world?

2. Are there any deserts in your country? In neighboring countries?

3.How can we prevent deserts from growing?

Vocabulary Preview

Write the letter of the word or phrase with the same meaning as the underlined word.

a. hurt	d.helpful
b. become wider	e.make something unusable
c. important; big	f.care for

1. ____ Deserts are not <u>useful</u> for growing food.

2. ____ Deserts can <u>ruin</u> farmland. Then no one can use it anymore.

3. ____ If you <u>damage</u> the land, you won't be able to grow as much food.

4. ____ People should <u>treat</u> the land well.

5. ____ If there is no rain for a long time, deserts can start to <u>spread</u>.

6. ____ Deserts getting bigger is a <u>serious</u> problem.

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GROWING DESERT

There are deserts all over the world.They can be found in Africa, China,South America, and North America. In some places, deserts are growing. This is a serious problem because deserts destroy farmland and ruin land where animals live. When people cannotgrow food or find animalsto eat, they have to
5 leave their homes.
Sometimes, nature can cause deserts to spread. Wind can move sand away from deserts and onto useful land. When there is no rain for a long time, plants die and deserts grow. However, humans can also cause deserts to grow. This is called desertification, and it happens in many ways. One way is when people cause too
10 much air pollution, which can make an area hotter. Hotter weather can reduce the amount of rain as well. Too many people in one area can also damage the land. In addition, having many animals can harm the land. When large animals like cows walk on soil toomuch, they turn it into dust.The wind easily blowsthis dust away. Trees help hold water in the ground. When people cut down too many trees, less
15 water stays in the ground, and the soil is ruined.
All of these things can speed up desertification. To stop deserts from growing, people must think of ways to treat the land better.

6 sand: the rock powder on a beach or in a desert
10 pollution: something harmful to nature
10 reduce: to make smaller
12 harm: to hurt
13 soil: the earth; the dirt
13 dust: the powder from hard soil
13 easily: with no problem

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