



You will hear a girl called Flora telling her class about a recent trip to South Africa, where she saw some animals called meerkats. For questions 9–18, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

Tips!

Read carefully through the rubric to find out who will be talking and what they will be talking about.

While you're waiting for the recording to start, read through the sentences and think about what kind of word will fill the gap.

The answer is usually between one and three words.

Meeting the meerkats

Flora explains that the main purpose of her trip was to see (9)

Flora says according to some people, the word 'meerkat' actually means (10)

Flora discovered that meerkats live longer in (11) than elsewhere.

Flora was surprised to be given some (12) during her visit to the meerkats.

The guide, Gavin, had made sure the meerkats were particularly used to his (13), so that they weren't disturbed by visitors.

Flora learnt that meerkats use their tails for (14) as well as for sending out warnings.

Flora says she heard the meerkats (15) when they spotted something unusual.

Flora says each meerkat's (16) are different from those of other meerkats, which helps distinguish between individuals.

Flora was told that meerkats occasionally feed on (17)

Flora decided on some (18) from the hotel shop to take home as a souvenir of the meerkats.

Advice

9 Flora's trip was to South Africa. Why had she and her family gone there?

12 Flora says she and her family went into the desert to see the meerkats. It is very hot during the day – but what might the temperature be early in the morning? So what would she need?