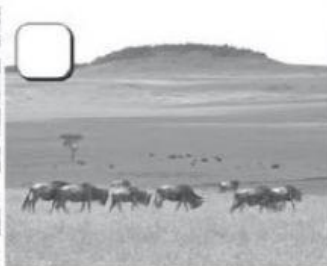


**A** Match the sentences to the pictures. Then label the pictures with the correct ecosystems. (8 points)

1. Its rainy season is throughout the spring and summer.
2. The soil stays frozen throughout the year in this ecosystem.
3. It rains less than 50 centimeters a year.
4. It makes up about one third of the Earth's land.

tundra ■ desert ■ grassland ■ forest



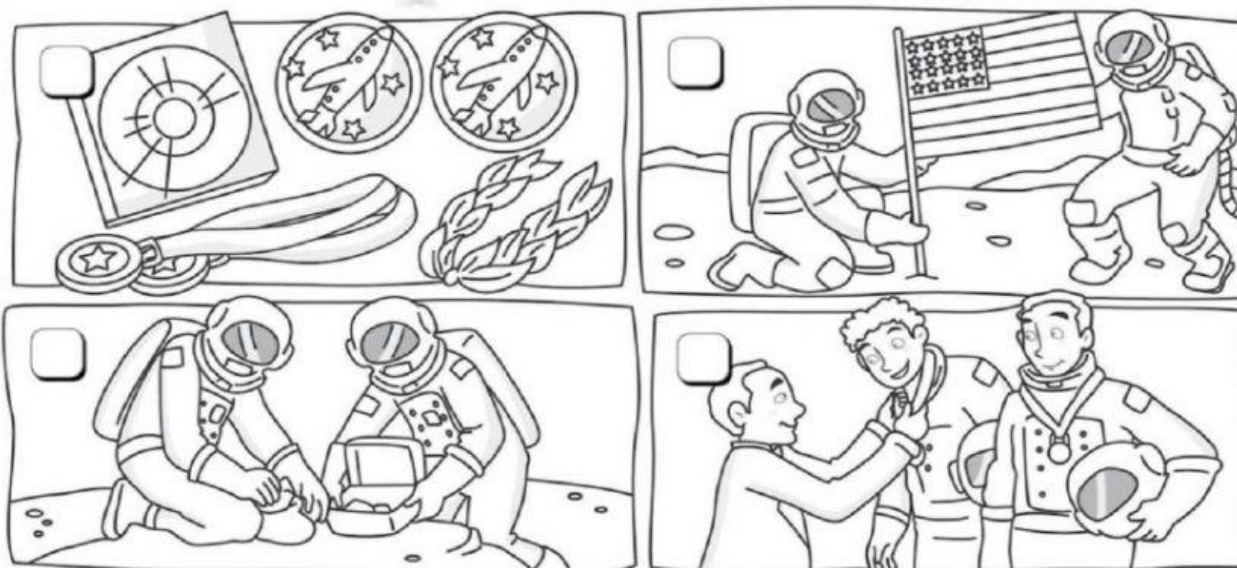
**B** Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs and match the sentence halves. (8 points)

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| 1. If coral reefs (get) _____ destroyed,               | a. the Earth would be much hotter.           |
| 2. If everyone (stop) _____ driving cars,              | b. it would reduce air pollution.            |
| 3. If oceans (not/absorb) _____ heat,                  | c. they wouldn't survive the cold.           |
| 4. If plants (not grow) _____ in groups in the tundra, | d. ocean water would rise and cover beaches. |

**C** Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs. (4 points)

1. Solar eclipses (happen) \_\_\_\_\_ at least twice a year.
2. Coastal areas in the Mediterranean Sea (not/have) \_\_\_\_\_ tides.
3. The *Apollo 11* (leave) \_\_\_\_\_ the Earth on July 16th, 1969 and traveled for four days.
4. Galileo (discover) \_\_\_\_\_ four of Jupiter's moons.

- D** Listen and number the pictures in the order they are mentioned. Then complete the sentences. (12 points)  45



1. A package (leave) \_\_\_\_\_ on the moon.
2. Soil and rock samples (collect) \_\_\_\_\_ and put into special bags.
3. The flag (set up) \_\_\_\_\_, and the astronauts received a message from President Nixon.
4. The astronauts (give) \_\_\_\_\_ the Medal of Freedom when they came back.

**E** Fill in the blanks using comparatives or superlatives. (4 points)

The Sahara Desert is 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (big) and hottest desert in the world. It stretches over twelve countries and the temperature gets as high as 50°C. Southeastern Antarctica is 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (cold) and windiest desert. Only worms, algae and moss grow there. But deserts in the southwestern US have many plants. Desert plants have 3) \_\_\_\_\_ (short) leaves and longer roots than non-desert plants. Cacti, the 4) \_\_\_\_\_ (well-known) desert plants, store water in their stems.

**F** Circle the correct options. (4 points)

1. How could you get water if you *run* / *ran* out of water in the desert?
2. The forest has *more* / *most* animals than the desert.
3. If it *gets* / *got* cooler at night, desert animals go outside.
4. The sidewinder is *less* / *the least* poisonous snake of all the rattle snakes.