

Choose the best option for each blank.

The Dead Sea is (1) _____ where the River Jordan ends, just 24 kilometres east of Jerusalem. It is actually a lake. It (2) _____ for about 74 kilometres and is 16 kilometres wide, so it is quite small but (3) _____ deep - about 300 metres.

(4) _____, the Dead Sea was about the same size as today. Then the climate of the area changed and became wetter. This change (5) _____ the Dead Sea to grow longer. However, after some time, the climate changed again, and the lake returned to its original size and (6) _____.

The Dead Sea is one of the saltiest lakes in the world. One litre of seawater may (7) _____ up to 327 grams of salt. With so much salt in the water, no fish or flora can survive in the Dead Sea. (8) _____, for people who love swimming, it's the ideal place to (9) _____. And the salt in the water makes it easy to swim without any (10) _____ at all!

There is not much rainfall in this place of the world. It usually rains only between October and March. The temperatures vary (11) _____ on the area you look at. In the northern parts of the Dead Sea winter temperatures reach only about 14° C; however, in August it can get up to 34 °C in the south. The highest (12) _____ temperature for this region is 51 °C.

Nearly twenty years ago there was a (13) _____ to build a canal between the Dead Sea and the Mediterranean. This would make the (14) _____ of the water in the Dead Sea go up. However, the cost of doing this is so (15) _____ that the project cannot go ahead yet.



Coastline of the Dead Sea

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1	found	situated	set	placed
2	ranges	spreads	covers	extends
3	widely	somewhat	surely	extremely
4	Originally	Finally	Firstly	Eventually
5	led	brought	affected	caused
6	outline	shape	nature	structure
7	consist	comprise	contain	exclude
8	Besides	However	Additionally	Also
9	reduce	ease	calm	relax
10	try	sweat	force	effort
11	varying	depending	changing	differing
12	recorded	detailed	taped	proven
13	strategy	design	plan	sketch
14	ground	level	point	amount
15	enormous	giant	vast	extensive