

## Listening skills practice: Llamas – exercises

Listen to the zoo guide talking about the llamas and do the exercise to practice and improve your listening skills.

### 1. Preparation: matching

Do this exercise before you listen. Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a – e next to the numbers 1 – 5.

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|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1..... to spit                            | a. to make a continuous sound with the lips closed                |
| 2..... to shear (past participle = shorn) | b. soft thick hair that grows on the bodies of animals like sheep |
| 3..... wool                               | c. to cut the wool off a sheep or similar animal                  |
| 4..... to lick                            | d. to force out liquid from the mouth                             |
| 5..... to hum                             | e. to pass the tongue over a surface                              |

### 2. Check your understanding: true or false

Do this exercise while you listen. Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. Llamas, alpacas, vicuñas and guanacos are all related to camels. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. Llamas are the smallest of the four.                             | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. Llamas only spit at humans if you treat them badly.              | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. Alpacas look as if they are sad.                                 | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. Alpaca wool is good for clothes.                                 | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. Vicuña wool is very expensive.                                   | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. Vicuñas eat cacti.                                               | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. Llamas and alpacas can't live in the UK.                         | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

### 3. Check your understanding: gap fill

Do this exercise while you listen. Complete the gaps with a word from the box.

|        |         |          |              |
|--------|---------|----------|--------------|
| dogs   | wild    | stressed | relaxed      |
| warmer | gentle  | three    | softer       |
| herds  | curious | foxes    | 4,000 metres |

1. Llamas and alpacas are both domesticated animals and vicuñas and guanacos are \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Llamas are very sociable animals and live together in groups, in \_\_\_\_\_.
3. They respond well to being trained and they are usually \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The alpaca is famous for its wool, which is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ than sheep's wool.
5. Vicuñas can only be shorn of their wool every \_\_\_\_\_ years.
6. Guanacos are capable of surviving at over \_\_\_\_\_ in the Andes.
7. Llamas hum when they are \_\_\_\_\_, or the opposite, feeling \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Sometimes farmers use llama to protect sheep and hens from animals that might attack them, like \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

**What's your favourite wild animal? Why?**

**Vocabulary Box**

Write any new words you have learnt in this lesson.