WIDER WORLD

END OF YEAR TEST

READING

1 Read the text and decide if sentences 1–12 are True, False or Doesn't say. Put a cross (X) in the correct place in the table.

		True	False	Doesn't say
1	Humans now live on every continent on Earth.			
2	Humans can't live in some parts of the world.			
3	We know where the hottest place in the world is.			
4	Iran is in Asia.			
5	Libya is in the West of Africa.			
6	Death Valley is the second hottest place on Earth.			
7	It was over 70°C in Death Valley.			
8	The Loot Desert is in the east of Iran.			
9	There are very long rivers in the Loot Desert in spring.			
10	There's more rain in the Loot Desert than in most of the Sahara Desert.			
11	The Loot Desert was the hottest place on Earth in every year from 2003 to 2010.			
12	Scientists can't visit the Loot Desert in the summer because it's too hot.			

The World's Most Difficult Weather

Humans now live in most places around the world. We are good at using our intelligence to survive in some very difficult places. But there are some places on Earth which are impossible to live in. Here's one of them.

It's hard to say exactly where the hottest place in the world is because this can change from year to year. At the moment, this record belongs to the Loot Desert in Iran. This part of the Asian country beat America's *Death Valley* and Africa's *El Azizia* in Libya by quite a few degrees. The maximum at *El Azizia* was 58°C, slightly more than *Death Valley*'s 57 °C in the west of the USA, but well below the temperature of 70.7°C recorded in the east of Iran in 2005.

We often think that deserts have no water in them, but there is water here in the spring, as snow melts in the nearby mountains and flows in rivers through the area. But this soon dries up and there is little or no water there for the rest of the year. The maximum rainfall is only 100 mm per year compared to 50 mm in much of the Sahara.

In a seven-year study from 2003 to 2010, American scientists found that Loot was the hottest place on Earth for five of those seven years. They used satellites in space to measure this because it's too hot for scientists to live there!

So, when you're booking your next holiday, it's probably best to choose somewhere different to the Loot Desert!

Vocabulary	
impossible	невозможно
belong	принадлежать
record	фиксировать
melt	таять
nearby	близлежащий
study	исследование
satellite	спутник

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2 Read the text and choose the correct answer, A, B or C.

1 Lori joined her band
- A last year.
- B a week ago.
- C two years ago.

2 Lori's first concert was at
- A a hotel.
- B her school.
- C the town hall.

3 Money from the concert went to
- A some charities.
- B one of the singers.
- C the bands.

4 How many bands played at the concert?
- A two
- B three
- C four

5 How many people can watch a concert at the town hall?
- A 30
- B 80
- C 300

6 Lori's band played
- A first.
- B second.
- C third.

7 The people at the concert
- A were rock music fans.
- B really wanted to see the hip-hop.
- C preferred pop music to rock.

8 At the moment, Lori
- A has a sore leg.
- B is doing another concert.
- C is in hospital.

My First Concert

Hi, I'm Lori. I play the guitar in a band. I started learning about two years ago and the group got together last year. Anyway, a week ago we had our first concert and I want to tell you about it.

It was at the local town hall, not far from my school, where we practise, and near the hotel where my mum works. The concert was to make some money for three local charities that help nature and animals. There were two other groups on as well as us. Another group wanted to play too, but their singer was ill so they couldn't do it.

The town hall is big enough for about three hundred people, but unfortunately there were only about eighty people there (and thirty of them were our friends and families!).

Anyway, my friend's band played first, then us and finally a band of older teenagers, who were really good. My friend's band was OK, but they made a lot of mistakes. They played a lot of pop songs, which most of the audience liked, but I can't stand. We play rock and the older kids' band plays hip-hop, so there was a good mix of music. When we started playing, we could see that the audience liked pop more than rock. Some of them left the building and didn't come back. Then some others started shouting. At first I thought it was because they liked us, but then I realised it was the opposite! To make things worse, I fell off the stage in the middle of our fourth song and hurt my leg! I didn't have to go to hospital, but it still hurts.

We're doing another concert in two weeks' time – I hope it goes better than this one!

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