

The story of the Aral Sea

Reading comprehension:

Read the article and choose the correct option.

1. What happened to the Aral Sea over the period of the news stories?

- It dried up more.
- It filled up more.
- The water level didn't change.

2. Which of these things are NOT mentioned as having an effect on the Aral Sea water level?

- fishing
- irrigation
- the dam

3. How many areas of the Aral Sea are mentioned?

- two
- three
- four

Read the article again and choose the correct option.

4. Which term describes the first news story?

- negative
- optimistic
- pessimistic

5. According to the first news story, what happened after the building of the dam?

- The Aral Sea returned to its former size.
- There was more water available for irrigation.
- There were more fish in the northern part of the Aral Sea.

6. According to the second news story, ...

- the Aral Sea has shrunk into ten small lakes.
- the eastern part of the Aral Sea has never been dry before.
- the water in the Aral Sea comes from rivers.

7. According to the second news story, ...

- about 40,000 fishermen used to fish in the Aral Sea.
- most of the fish people in the Soviet Union ate came from the Aral Sea.
- the Aral Sea used to provide food and jobs.

8. According to the third news story, the southern Aral Sea now produces ... instead of fish.

- oil
- salt
- sand