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**Directions:** Read the passage. Use the highlighted vocabulary words to fill in the blanks to complete the passage.

**WORD BOX**

ice moved along left noticed explain rocks scientist



Death Valley is one of the lowest, hottest places in the world. It´s an amazing desert in the western US. But something mysterious happens there sometimes. Rocks as heavy as 180 kg can move up to 450 m across the desert floor. How does this happen? The climate doesn´t _____ this. For centuries, people _____ that huge rocks _____ overnight. No one saw them move. There were no footprints in the sand. There were no signs of human activity around anywhere. Trails were _____ behind by the moving rocks. So what moved the rocks?

Scientists couldn´t understand how the rocks moved. For years, people saw strange lights in the night sky. Did the lights move the rocks? Finally, a _____ solved the mystery. Deserts are hot in the day, but they get very cold at night. In winter, the ground freezes. On the desert floor, thin sheets of _____ form. Not many plants grow in the desert. Powerful winds blow heavy rocks across the ice in the bare desert. The _____ scrape the desert floor as they skate _____ the ice. A trail is left behind.

It´s a simple answer to an old mystery. The climate explains a lot, after all.



# TEST UNIT 1 E32204

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Directions: Match the words with the definitions.

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| 1. climate | a. (adj.) secret, unclear, or unknown |
| 2. century | b. (v.) to glide across the top of a surface |
| 3. trail | c. (n.) a period of one hundred years |
| 4. sheet | d. (h.) the marks left on the ground by a moving object |
| 5. solve | e. (adj.) strong |
| 6. scrape | f. (n.) a thin layer of something. |
| 7. skate | g.(v.) to figure out and answer. |
| 8. overnight | i. (v.) to scratch or grind a surface. |
| 9.mysterious | j.(adv.) during a period of one night. |
| 10. powerful | h. (n.) temperature and weather pattern in the place. |

Directions : Unscramble and write the sentence.



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