

READING AND WRITING PRACTICE 1

Cambridge Primary Programme

Name: _____

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Part 1: Read the description of some words and complete the word. Example:

Last weekend, Jessie and her **f a m i l y** went to visit a castle.



1. Thorny devil, Gila monster and Frog-eyed gecko are **r _ _ _ _ _ s**. They are cold-blooded animals.



2. Because deserts are so dry, some people think of them as **e _ _ y** and dead.



3. **C _ c _ _ s** plants have thick waxy skin and sharp spines.



Part 2: Read the notices and circle A, B or C.

1.



What mustn't you do?

- A. I mustn't smoke.
- B. I mustn't park my car.
- C. I mustn't take photos.

2.



Where can you see this notice?

- A. at school
- B. at the supermarket
- C. at the hospital

3.



Who is this notice for?

- A. students in a bus
- B. teachers
- C. doctors

Part 3: Complete the five conversations. Circle A, B or C.



1. Hi, Alex. What are you doing?

- A. I draw a picture.
- B. I draw pictures.
- C. I'm drawing a picture.

2. Oh, that's a nice picture of a horse!
- A. It was a horse.
B. It isn't a horse. It's a donkey.
C. I don't like horses.
3. Why are you drawing that?
- A. It's my picture.
B. I can do it.
C. It's homework.

Part 4: Read the text below and circle the correct word for each space.

Whales are **(0) huge** animals that live in the sea. There **(1)** _____ more than 80 different kinds of whales, but the blue whale is the **(2)** _____ animal on earth. Whales **(3)** _____ in really big family and they travel around the world all year round because they don't like cold water.

Example:

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|----|-------|-------------|---------|
| 0. | huger | <u>huge</u> | hugest |
| 1. | is | are | was |
| 2. | big | bigger | biggest |
| 3. | lives | live | living |

Part 5: Read the article about different weddings and then answer the questions. Circle A, B or C.

What does a desert look like?

There are deserts in many parts of the world. Deserts can look very different. Some deserts are sandy, other deserts are rocky. Deserts can be flat or filled with mountains. The largest desert in the world, Antarctica, is covered with ice!

What do all deserts have in common?

All deserts are dry. They get very little rain or snow – fewer than 25 centimetres a year. Because deserts are so dry, some people think of them as empty and dead. That is not true. Plants and animals can be found in every desert. The plants and animals that live in deserts need very little water. Many have special ways to store water.

What are some plants that grow in the desert?

Cactus plants grow in the deserts of North and South America. They have thick waxy skin and sharp spines. Birds and other small animals build homes in and on the cactus. The saxaul is a special plant that grows in the deserts of Asia. It stores water in its bark. People who live in the desert press the saxaul bark to get drinkable water.

1. What is Antarctica covered with?

- A. mountains B. ice C. rivers

2. Why do some people think of deserts as empty and dead?

- A. Because deserts are so dry
B. Because plants and animals can't be found in every desert
C. Because deserts get very little rain or snow

3. Which plant stores water in its bark?

- A. Dry B. Cactus C. Saxaul

Part 6: Rearrange the words to make meaningful sentences.

1. She/ not/ dinner/ cook/ did. /

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2. are/ camels. / Elephants/ fatter/ than/

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3. he/ Was/ school? / at/

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