

VIDEO LESSON

Read this information in preparation for watching the video.
Use your dictionary to look up any unfamiliar words.

Nomads are people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time. In the open **steppe** of northern Mongolia, **herding** nomads **migrate** in search of food and resources, moving based on **climate** changes.

The video is about nomads giving up their lives and moving to the cities. Choose the main cause for these migrations. Then watch segment 1 and check your prediction.

w weather changes on the steppe
job opportunities in the city

better housing in the city
a lack of interest in herding



Watch segment 2 and complete the flow charts.

1. _____ change → partly drives _____
2. hard _____ → drought conditions → hurts animals → forces nomads _____
3. global warming → _____ days are increasing
4. drought conditions → dry the _____ → stunt the _____ of vegetation → not enough to _____ the animals

A ger, a tent used by Mongolian nomads, outside Mongolia's capital

Read this passage from the video. Match the underlined words to their definitions below.

There are still an (1) estimated thirty-three million (2) livestock in Mongolia, more than ten times the number of people. [One nomad named] Basanjav says he wants his children to (3) maintain the tradition of herding. He says his father was a herder and that it's important that his grandchildren (4) continue in the same footsteps. But the (5) odds that his grandchildren will grow up to be nomadic herders and continue this proud Mongolian tradition are becoming increasingly uncertain.

___ a. likelihood

___ b. animals such as cows and sheep

___ c. approximate

___ d. to do the same thing someone did before you

___ e. to preserve