

## READING

### A. Read the text carefully.



#### Desert

Desert is a large area with very little water and few plants. Many deserts have extreme heat and lots of sand. They receive very little rainfall that is why they are extremely dry. Deserts have four types; hot and dry, coastal, semiarid and cold deserts.

The largest hot desert is the Sahara in Africa. The temperature in the Sahara can rise up to 50°C but at night it can go below zero.

Did you know that the Antarctic is also the biggest desert in the world? The Antarctic and the Arctic are the two largest polar deserts on Earth.

Although the Sahara is very hot, it is home to many animals like the camels, foxes, spiders, elephants and lions, and plants such as cacti and wildflowers.

The desert is a beautiful place but heat, severe sunburns and insects' bites can be dangerous so people need to be prepared.



Cacti



#### The Great Barrier Reef

The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef system. It is one of the natural wonders in the world. It is larger than the Great Wall of China and the only living thing on Earth visible from space.

The reef is located in the Coral Sea in Australia. The Great Barrier Reef is in tropical waters where temperature is warm in summer and winter.

A coral reef is a cozy and safe place to live for many animals like the jellyfish family, whales and dolphins. More than 1500 fish species live on the reef such as clownfish and also sea turtle, blue ringed octopus and about 5000 species of mollusks as well as 400 different corals.



Blue Ringed Octopus



Sea Turtle



Clownfish



Coral Reefs



Mollusks

### B. Answer the questions.

1. According to the text, what is the biggest desert on Earth?
2. How many types of deserts are there? What are they?
3. Give some examples of animals and plants in the Sahara desert.

4. What is the Great Barrier Reef?  
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5. Where is the Great Barrier Reef located?  
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6. Which animals live in the coral reefs?  
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7. What's the temperature in the Great Barrier Reef in summer and winter?  
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#### VOCABULARY

**Look at the pictures and label the landscapes below.**



#### USE OF ENGLISH

**Complete the sentences using comparatives or superlatives.**

1. Winter is \_\_\_\_\_ season. (cold)
2. Mount Everest is \_\_\_\_\_ Mount Kilimanjaro. (high)
3. China is \_\_\_\_\_ India. (populated)
4. The Atlantic is \_\_\_\_\_ the Pacific Ocean. (small)
5. The Nile is \_\_\_\_\_ river in the world. (long)
6. Russia is \_\_\_\_\_ Canada. It is \_\_\_\_\_ country. (big)
7. India is the second \_\_\_\_\_ country. (crowded)
8. The Atacama in Chile is \_\_\_\_\_ desert. (dry)

