



Spotlight 9

Listening Task 9713

You will hear an Interview with Ali Heder who went on an expedition across a desert. For questions 1-7, choose the best answer.

1. What inspired Ali to become a world traveller?

1. books she read as a child
2. an image she once saw
3. her father's travels

2. Why did Ali choose to explore the Rub' al Khali?

1. because of its isolation
2. because of its challenging conditions
3. to see a meteorite site

3. What does Ali say was the most difficult part of her journey?

1. the abrupt changes in weather
2. the long hours driving each day
3. manoeuvring through the harsh landscape

4. According to Ali, what is an important decision to make when preparing for a desert trip?

1. the timing of the trip
2. the route of the trip
3. the type of vehicle to use

5. What was Ali's reaction when she saw the meteorite site?

1. thrilled to see the craters
2. surprised by its enormous size
3. disappointed at its appearance

6. What warning does Ali give about exploring the desert?

1. to avoid driving on hard sand
2. not to drive in deep sand holes
3. not to drive on the meteor sites

7. How did Ali feel after the completion of her expedition?

1. relieved that nothing went wrong
2. satisfied that she finally finished the expedition
3. excited and ready for her next trip

