Reading skills practice: About the Earth – exercises

Look at the quiz and answer the questions. Then do the exercises to practise and improve your reading skills.

Preparation

Write the correct word in the boxes below the pictures.

ocean	desert	waterfall	temperature
volcano	mountain	river	wind

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1. Check your knowledge: Earth quiz

What do you know about planet Earth? Read the questions and circle the correct answer.

EXTREME WORLD QUIZ

What do you know about planet Earth?

1 The coldest continent on Earth has a recorded temperature of -89 °C. Brrrrr, that's freezing cold! Where is it?
A. Asia B. Antarctica C. America

2 In the driest place in the world it rains 1 mm every year. Where is it?
A. The Sahara Desert in Africa B. The Gobi Desert in Asia C. The Atacama Desert in Chile

3 The highest inhabited place in the world is 4,900 m above sea level. Where is it?
A. Tibet B. India C. Holland

4 In the warmest sea in the world the average temperature is 22 °C. Mmmm, perfect for swimming. Which sea is it?
A. The Mediterranean Sea B. The Red Sea C. The Black Sea

5 The largest ocean in the world is 165 million square km. Which ocean is it?
A. The Pacific B. The Atlantic C. The Indian

6 The highest mountain on Earth is 8,850 m high. That's a long way to climb to the top! Which mountain is it?
A. Mont Blanc in the Alps B. Mount Everest in the Himalayas C. Mount Kenya in Kenya

7 The longest river in the world is 6,650 km long. That's more than the distance between London and New York. Which river is it?
A. The Amazon B. The Loire C. The Nile

8 The largest volcano in the world is called Mauna Loa. Where is it?
A. Hawaii B. Japan C. Iceland

9 The highest waterfall in the world, Angel Falls, is 979 m high. That's a big drop. Where is it?
A. Brazil B. USA C. Venezuela

10 The hottest recorded temperature on Earth is 57.8 °C. That's boiling hot! Where is it?
A. Libya B. Nicaragua C. Australia

11 The wettest place on Earth has 13.3 m of rain a year. Get your umbrella ready! Where is it?
A. Britain B. Spain C. Colombia

12 In the world's windiest place, Commonwealth Bay, winds blow at 240 km an hour. It's always a bad hair day! Where is it?
A. Australia B. Canada C. Antarctica

TOTAL SCORE: / 12

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2. Check your understanding: gap fill – numbers

Complete the sentences with numbers from the box.

-89	1	13.3	22	57.8
979	4,900	6,650	8,850	

1. The coldest recorded temperature on Earth is _____ °C, and the hottest is _____ °C.
2. The wettest place in the world gets _____ m of rain a year, and the driest place gets only _____ mm.
3. The highest place on Earth is _____ m high. The highest inhabited place is _____ m high.
4. The longest river in the world is _____ km long.
5. The average temperature of the warmest sea in the world is _____ °C.
6. The highest waterfall in the world is _____ m high.

3. Check your grammar: gap fill – superlative adjectives

Complete the sentences with the superlative form of the adjective in brackets.

1. The Nile is the _____ river in the world. (**long**)
2. Mauna Loa is the _____ volcano in the world. (**large**)
3. Commonwealth Bay is the _____ place in the world. (**windy**)
4. The Atacama Desert is the _____ place in the world. (**dry**)
5. The _____ recorded temperature is 57.8 °C. (**hot**)
6. The _____ place on Earth has 13.3 m of rain every year. (**wet**)

Discussion
How many questions did you get right? What other facts about the Earth do you know?

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