

LEVEL3. LISTENING

Unit. 3. Lesson A. Use the words in the boxes to complete the text.

custom	actual	factor	still	traditional
developing	disappear	regions	preserve	estimate

Oman is the second largest country in the Arabian Peninsula. Today, Oman is a very developed country with all modern facilities. However, there are groups of people in Oman who follow a 1. _____ lifestyle. They 2. _____ live in remote villages in the middle of deserts and mountains. The Bedouins are examples of these. Some anthropologists 3. _____ that there are about 200,000 Bedouins in Oman. However, their 4. _____ number may be far less because most of the rural people today like to live in towns and cities. Bedouins mostly live in Sharqiyah and Wusta 5. _____ of Oman. The elderly Bedouins are trying hard to 6. _____ culture and traditions. Raising animals like camels and sheep is an important part of Bedouin culture. They also follow 7. _____ like welcoming visitors with coffee and dates and wearing traditional clothes at important events. The new generation of Bedouins like to live in towns and cities. Employment is the most important 8. _____ that attracts young people to the cities. The government is 9. _____ many tourism projects to provide jobs for the young in their own places, but many people fear that the Bedouin traditions and way of life will 10. _____ soon

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