

Text 1 **COULD YOU BEAT THE DESERT HEAT?** (102 – 103 psl.) Ex. 2

Words in bold:

inhospitable: unfriendly

faint-hearted: lacking in courage

exceedingly: extremely

stony: covered in stones

barring: except for

rations: daily allowance of sth

would-be: wanting to attempt sth

navigate: decide what course to follow

blisters: painful swellings on the skin caused by friction

hinder: slow down

gruelling: punishing; very tough

wilderness: wild uncultivated part of the countryside

camaraderie: feeling of trust and friendship between people

motivated: encouraged

veterans: people with long experience of sth

pounding: very painful

withdraw: quit

dehydration: lack of water

ex. 2 answers:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Text 2 **Chariot Racing** (108 psl.) Ex. 2

Words in bold:

droves: large crowds

brutal: very cruel

arena: sports venue

held: contained

laps: rounds

tactics: methods

supporters: fans

broke out: erupted

animosity: bitter feeling

slaves: men who are the property of others

waist: middle of the body

practice: technique

dragged: pulled

unheard of: uncommon

expertise: knowledge and skill

proclaimed: declared

ex. 2 answers:

1 Chariot races in ancient Rome

A were all held in the Circus Maximus.

B did not have many rules.

C were popular with about 25% of Romans.

D usually ended in bloodshed.

2 According to the text, the Blue team

A was the least popular team.

B had the most violent fans.

C didn't have the support the green team had.

D feared the emperor Vitellius

3 Charioteers tied their reins around themselves

A for safety reasons.

B for steering purposes.

C because it made the reins shorter.

D because it made the races more dangerous .

4 The emperor Nero

A was the only person to ever race a 10-horse chariot.

B once raced a chariot that was drawn by camels.

C chose the winners when he attended chariot races.

D was a highly skilled charioteer.

5 According to the last paragraph, chariot races were

A more popular than football is today.

B held 24 hours a day.

C part of a sponsored entertainment programme.

D the official sport of Rome.