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Reading Comprehension: Earth

The Earth is the third **planet** from the Sun in our **solar system**. It is the only known planet that supports life. The Earth has many features, including vast oceans, dense forests, and large deserts. One of the most famous deserts on Earth is the Sahara, located in Africa. This desert is known for its **extreme** temperatures and **vast** stretches of sand.

The Earth has a powerful force called gravity, which pulls everything toward its center. This is why when you jump, you come back down to the ground. **Gravity** also keeps everything, including the Moon, in orbit around the Earth. The Moon is an important part of Earth's natural system, and it can be seen with the naked eye from space.

Astronauts have traveled to space to study the Earth and learn more about its atmosphere and other planets in our **solar system.** From space, astronauts can see the entire planet and its thin atmosphere that protects life. Satellites, which are man-made objects launched into space, orbit the Earth and help scientists monitor the planet. They are used for communication, weather forecasting, and even studying the Earth's surface, including the deserts.

Multiple Choice Questions:

1. **What is the Earth's position in the solar system?**
   a) First
   b) Second
   c) Third
   d) Fourth
2. **What does gravity do on Earth?**

   a) It keeps the Sun in place.
   b) It pulls objects toward the Earth's center.
   c) It helps plants grow.
   d) It pushes objects away from the Earth.

3. **Which of the following is NOT a feature of Earth mentioned in the passage**?

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a) Oceans
b) Forests
c) Mountains of ice
d) Deserts

4. **What is the Sahara?**
   a) A forest
   b) A desert
   c) An ocean
   d) A river
5. **Why do astronauts go to space?**
   a) To visit other planets
   b) To study the Earth's atmosphere
   c) To see the Moon up close
   d) To collect desert sand

True or False Questions:

1. Earth is the only known planet that supports life. (True/False)
2. The Sahara Desert is located in Asia. (True/False)
3. Gravity is the force that pulls objects toward the Earth. (True/False)
4. Satellites are launched into space to help study the Earth. (True/False)
5. Astronauts travel to the Moon to study Earth. (True/False)

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