

Listening skills practice: Llamas – exercises

Listen to the zoo guide talking about the llamas and do the exercise to practice and improve your listening skills.

1. Preparation: matching

Do this exercise before you listen. Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a – e next to the numbers 1 – 5.

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| 1..... to spit | a. to make a continuous sound with the lips closed |
| 2..... to shear (past participle = shorn) | b. soft thick hair that grows on the bodies of animals like sheep |
| 3..... wool | c. to cut the wool off a sheep or similar animal |
| 4..... to lick | d. to force out liquid from the mouth |
| 5..... to hum | e. to pass the tongue over a surface |

2. Check your understanding: true or false

Do this exercise while you listen. Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. Llamas, alpacas, vicuñas and guanacos are all related to camels. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. Llamas are the smallest of the four. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. Llamas only spit at humans if you treat them badly. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. Alpacas look as if they are sad. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. Alpaca wool is good for clothes. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. Vicuña wool is very expensive. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. Vicuñas eat cacti. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. Llamas and alpacas can't live in the UK. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

3. Check your understanding: gap fill

Do this exercise while you listen. Complete the gaps with a word from the box.

dogs	wild	stressed	relaxed
warmer	gentle	three	softer
herds	curious	foxes	4,000 metres

1. Llamas and alpacas are both domesticated animals and vicuñas and guanacos are _____.
2. Llamas are very sociable animals and live together in groups, in _____.
3. They respond well to being trained and they are usually _____ and _____.
4. The alpaca is famous for its wool, which is _____ and _____ than sheep's wool.
5. Vicuñas can only be shorn of their wool every _____ years.
6. Guanacos are capable of surviving at over _____ in the Andes.
7. Llamas hum when they are _____, or the opposite, feeling _____.
8. Sometimes farmers use llama to protect sheep and hens from animals that might attack them, like _____ or _____.

What's your favourite wild animal? Why?

Vocabulary Box

Write any new words you have learnt in this lesson.