

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.

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.

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

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.