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## UNIT 5: LESSON 3

## PRACTICE READING

**Read the passage and then answer the following questions.**

### THE DESERT SANDS

Dubai is the largest and most important city in the United Arab Emirates. Dubai is by the sea, but all the land around it is desert. Many people want to work and live there. The most popular place to live is by the beach. It is much cooler there. But there isn't much space to live by the beach any more. In 2001, people started to build the Jumeirah islands on the water. They used rocks and sand to make them. They look like palm trees!

Outside Dubai, there are huge hills of sand called "dunes". There are thousands of kilometres of them. There is an exciting sport you can do on them: sandboarding! This is the same as snowboarding, but it's on sand instead of snow! It's great fun but you need to be careful too – it is dangerous to be in the hot sun for a long time. Drive up to the top of the dunes, then sandboard down. The worst part is that you have to walk back up afterwards!

**Exercise 1. Read the definitions and write the correct words from the box.**

| **largest • important • popular • dangerous • exciting** |
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1. Something that can hurt you or make you unsafe. _____
2. Something that is fun and makes you feel happy and interested. _____
3. Something that many people like. _____
4. Something that is bigger than all the others. _____
5. Something that is very useful or special. _____

**Exercise 2. Read the text again. Write T (True), F (False) or DS (Doesn't Say).**

1. Dubai is the largest city in the United Arab Emirates. _____
2. People like living near the beach because it is warmer there. _____
3. People used rocks and sand to build the Jumeirah islands. _____
4. The Jumeirah islands are home to many different animals. _____
5. Sandboarding is a sport that people do on snow. _____

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**Exercise 3. Read and circle the correct answer A, B, C or D.**

**1. Where is Dubai?**

A. In the United Arab Emirates

B. In the United Kingdom

C. In the United States

D. In Australia

**2. Why do many people want to live near the beach?**

A. Because it is quieter.

B. Because it is cooler.

C. Because it is cheaper.

D. Because it is bigger.

**3. What do the Jumeirah islands look like?**

A. Big mountains

B. Beautiful flowers

C. Palm trees

D. Small animals

**4. What is sandboarding?**

A. Swimming in the sea

B. Walking on the beach

C. Playing games on the sand

D. Going down sand hills on a board

**5. What is the worst part of sandboarding?**

A. Walking back up the dunes

B. Playing in the hot sun

C. Driving to the desert

D. Going down the dunes

**Exercise 4. Read the text and complete the sentences. Write NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS from the text for each answer.**

1. Dubai is by the sea, but the land around it is _____.

2. Many people want to live near the beach because it is _____ there.

3. In 2001, people started to build the Jumeirah islands on _____.

4. The huge hills of sand outside Dubai are called _____.

5. People need to be careful because it is dangerous to stay in _____ for a long time.

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