

Reading

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Under the Stars in the Sahara

Vocabulary:

- **minibus** (n.): a small bus typically used for short trips
(รถประจำทางขนาดเล็ก)
- **edge** (n.): a rim or brink (ริม, ขอบ)
- **countryside** (n.): land that is outside cities and towns
(ชนบท, นอกเมือง)
- **cliff** (n.): a high rock with a steep side (หน้าผา)
- **board** (v.): to get on a vehicle in order to travel somewhere
(ขึ้นพาหนะเพื่อเดินทาง)
- **desert** (n.): a large area of land where it is very hot and dry, and there is a lot of sand (ทะเลทราย)
- **dune** (n.): a hill of sand in a desert (เนินทราย)
- **starve** (v.): to suffer or die from extreme or prolonged lack of food (กระหาย, อุดอยาก)
- **realize** (v.): to comprehend completely or correctly
(ตระหนัก, เข้าใจ)
- **wrap** (v.): to cover, envelop, or encase, as by folding or coiling something about (ห่ม, ห่อ)
- **shooting star** (n.): a piece of rock or metal that burns brightly like a star as it falls toward earth (ดาวตก)
- **sleeping bag** (n.): a large, insulated, usually zippered bag for sleeping, especially outdoors (ถุงนอน)

Idiom :

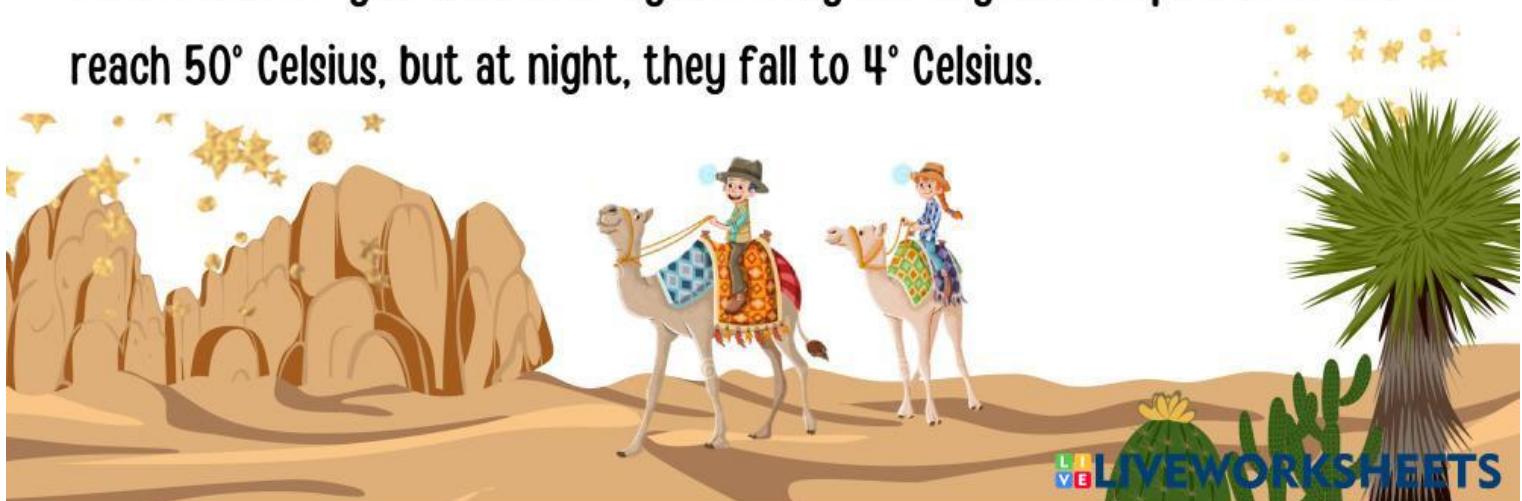
- **make a wish** หมายถึง อธิษฐานหรือขอพร ใช้พูดบอกผู้อื่นให้ตั้งจิตอธิษฐานเพื่อขอพร หรือใช้เพื่อบอกว่าเรากำลังจะอธิษฐานหรือขอพร

Directions: Read each passage carefully and choose the correct answer to each question. You will gain one mark for each correct answer. อ่านเนื้อเรื่องต่อไปนี้ และเลือกคำตอบที่ถูกต้องที่สุดเพียงคำตอบเดียว

One of the greatest experiences I've ever had was in Morocco. It was a trip to the desert. A group of us set off from Marrakesh in a minibus and headed to Merzuga, a tiny town on the edge of the Sahara Desert. The countryside on the way was very unusual. There were dry gray cliffs, and below them were lots of green palm trees.

After traveling for two days, we finally got to Merzuga. Before sunset, we boarded our camels and rode into the desert over the dunes. After two hours, we reached the camp. It was dark, cold, and I was starving. The guide brought a lamb dish, and the five of us shared from a plate eating with our hands.

After dinner, everyone went to sleep in tents, except me. I've always wanted to have the experience of sleeping in the desert, under the stars. But I didn't realize it could get so cold at night. During the day the temperatures can reach 50° Celsius, but at night, they fall to 4° Celsius.



So I took the same blanket that I used to ride the camel and wrapped myself in it to keep warm. The sky at night is amazingly clear. Suddenly, I saw a shooting star, and I made a wish: I want to come back and spend a night in the desert, but next time, in a nice warm sleeping bag.

1. Where did this passage take place?

- 1. In Marrakesh
- 2. In a minibus
- 3. In a tent
- 4. In Morocco

2. Where did the author travel?

- 1. From Morocco to Merzuga
- 2. From Merzuga to Morocco
- 3. From Marrakesh to Merzuga
- 4. From the Sahara to Morocco

3. Which statement is true about Merzuga?

- 1. It is small.
- 2. It is on the edge of the desert.
- 3. It is 2 days from Marrakesh.
- 4. All of the above are true.



4. How did the author feel when she reached the camp?

1. Tired
2. Happy
3. Hungry
4. None of the above

5. What was the author surprised to learn about the desert?

1. It is very hot.
2. It is beautiful.
3. It is cold at night.
4. It is quiet.

6. What is the author's overall impression of the Sahara Desert?

1. She liked it.
2. She hated it.
3. She thought it was too hot.
4. None of the above

7. How cold does it get in the desert?

1. 50 degrees
2. 4 degrees
3. Below 4 degrees
4. Above 50 degrees

