

READING

A Look at the photo. What do you think the article is about?

- a plants in the desert b what a desert is c desert tourism

FULL OF LIFE

When you hear the word “desert,” what words do you think of? Many people think of the word “hot.” The hottest weather ever recorded on our planet,

- 5 57°C, was in a desert called Death Valley, in the United States. But not all deserts are hot. There are also cold deserts. Antarctica has the largest desert in the world, and it’s very cold there.
- 10 Some people think nothing lives in deserts. But this isn’t true. More than one billion people live in the world’s deserts. There are also insects, birds, and other animal species that live there—like
- 15 snakes and lizards.



Camels are an important form of transportation in deserts.

So what makes an area a desert? Well, scientists agree that all deserts are dry. A real desert gets no more than 25 centimeters of rain or snow a year. This means people, animals, and plants have very little water to drink. They have to learn to live in these extreme places.

B EXAM PRACTICE Read the article. Circle **T** for True, **F** for False, or **NG** for Not Given.

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| 1 Death Valley is the driest place in the United States. | T | F | NG |
| 2 Fewer than one million people live in deserts. | T | F | NG |
| 3 Most desert animals are active at night. | T | F | NG |
| 4 The desert in Antarctica gets more than 25 centimeters of rain or snow a year. | T | F | NG |
| 5 The animals in deserts live with only a little water. | T | F | NG |

C Write. Correct the false sentence(s) in **B**.
