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READING: Village Wants to Move Away

Vocabulary Preview

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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| 1. village | <u>E</u> | A. how hot or cold something is; for example "27° C" |
| 2. island | _____ | B. becoming higher |
| 3. temperature | _____ | C. place |
| 4. melting | _____ | D. to become invisible, not able to be seen |
| 5. disappear | _____ | E. a small town |
| 6. rising | _____ | F. the measure of how high the sea is |
| 7. sea level | _____ | G. land that has water on all sides |
| 8. location | _____ | H. for example: when ice becomes water |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Use Past Tense when necessary.

1. I don't live in a big city. I live in a village.
2. Iceland is an _____ nation. It is surrounded by water.
3. Hurry up and finish your ice-cream! It's _____.
4. The _____ is high today. It's already thirty-six degrees Celsius.
5. I can't see the rabbit. Where is it? Did it _____?
6. The _____ is getting higher because ice is melting.
7. My home is in a great _____. It's next to a park.
8. My school grades are _____ because I am studying hard.

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

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2. _____

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Topics: Planet Earth / Weather

Village Wants to Move Away



A **village**¹ of about 650 people in Alaska wants to move away to a new location. The village, called Shishmaref, is on a small **island**², and the island is getting smaller and smaller. The island is getting smaller because the sea **temperature**³ is getting warmer and ice is **melting**⁴. Every year, the sea is closer to the houses in Shishmaref, and the people there are afraid that their houses will soon fall into the water. In fact, some people say that the island will be gone in only 20 years. Shishmaref is not special, however. There are many other islands in the world that may **disappear**⁵ under the water because of **rising**⁶ **sea levels**⁷. For example, the island nation of Kiribati wants to buy land in another country (Fiji) so that the 100,000 Kiribati people will have a place to live when their island is under water. Most of the people of Shishmaref want to leave, but when can they leave? It will cost millions of dollars to move the village to a new, safer **location**⁸, but, unfortunately, Shishmaref is a poor village with not much money.

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Grammar Practice

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A village of about 650 people in Alaska (1)_____ to move away to a new location. The village, called Shishmaref, is on (2)_____, and the island is getting smaller and smaller. The island is getting smaller (3)_____ the sea temperature is getting warmer and ice is melting. Every year, the sea is closer to the houses in Shishmaref, and the people there (4)_____ afraid that (5)_____ houses will soon fall into the water. In fact, some people say that the island will be gone (6)_____ only 20 years. Shishmaref is (7)_____ special, however. There (8)_____ many other islands in the world that may disappear under the water because of rising sea levels. For example, the island nation of Kiribati wants to (9)_____ land in another country (Fiji) so that the 100,000 Kiribati people will (10)_____ a place to live when their island is under water. Most of the people of Shishmaref want to leave, but (11)_____ can they leave? It will cost millions of dollars to move the village to a new, safer location, but, unfortunately, Shishmaref is a poor village with not (12)_____ money.

1.

- (A) want
- (B) wants
- (C) wanting

2.

- (A) a small island
- (B) small island
- (C) the small island

3.

- (A) because
- (B) so
- (C) however

4.

- (A) are
- (B) do
- (C) is

5.

- (A) they're
- (B) there
- (C) their

6.

- (A) at
- (B) in
- (C) on

7.

- (A) none
- (B) no
- (C) not

8.

- (A) be
- (B) have
- (C) are

9.

- (A) buy
- (B) bought
- (C) buying

10.

- (A) has
- (B) have
- (C) had

11.

- (A) what
- (B) when
- (C) who

12.

- (A) must
- (B) many
- (C) much

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How Much Do You Understand?

● *According to the article, write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.*

1. _____ Alaska is becoming smaller and smaller.
2. _____ The article says the people of Shishmaref will move to Fiji.
3. _____ Shishmaref is becoming a dangerous place to live.
4. _____ Kiribati is an island country.
5. _____ Kiribati and Shishmaref have a similar problem.
6. _____ The article says Kiribati will give money to help Shishmaref move.

Discuss

● *Discuss the following questions with your classmates.*

1. Why is ice melting on our planet and why are sea levels rising?
2. What problems are there in your town or city?
3. What do you like most about your town or city? Why?

Write

● *Choose one of the above discussion questions. Write a short paragraph to answer it.*

Lesson "Village Wants to Move Away"

Grammar Focus Mixed (includes Present Simple and Comparative Adjectives)

Vocabulary 187 words
A1 words-76% / **A2** words-12% / **B1** words-3% / **B2** words-2%
AWL words in this text: *location*
 Vocabulary Analysis by: vocabkitchen.com

Level Elementary to Pre-Intermediate (CEFR A2)

ANSWER KEY Page 1

● **Vocabulary Preview**

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|------|----------------|
| 1. E | 1. village |
| 2. G | 2. island |
| 3. A | 3. melting |
| 4. H | 4. temperature |
| 5. D | 5. disappear |
| 6. B | 6. sea level |
| 7. F | 7. location |
| 8. C | 8. rising |

ANSWER KEY Page 3

● **Grammar (Article)**

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|------|-------|
| 1. B | 7. C |
| 2. A | 8. C |
| 3. A | 9. A |
| 4. A | 10. B |
| 5. C | 11. B |
| 6. B | 12. C |

ANSWER KEY Page 4

● **How Much Do You Understand?**

1. F (*The island where Shishmaref is located is getting smaller.*)
2. F (*The article doesn't say where the people will move to.*)
3. T
4. T
5. T
6. F (*The article doesn't say this.*)

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