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Web Site Worksheet

Chapter 9

Name: _____

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1. Preparing to Listen

You are going to listen to a radio travel show about the driest place on Earth. Before you listen, think about the following questions.

Where do you think the driest place on earth might be?

What difficulties do you think people who live there might face?



2. Listening for Main Ideas

Read questions 1 and 2. Listen to the program. Then choose the correct answer for each question.

1. According to Nathan, the driest place on earth is in _____.
 - a. Africa
 - b. Siberia
 - c. South America
2. People who live there use nets to gather water from _____.
 - a. fog
 - b. rain
 - c. the ocean



3. Listening for More Detail

Read questions 3–10. Listen to the program again and choose the correct answer for each question.

3. What is a desert?
 - a. a place with mountains
 - b. a place in Africa
 - c. a hot, dry place
4. Where is the Atacama Desert?
 - a. on an island
 - b. in the mountains
 - c. between the sea and mountains

5. How much rain falls in the center of the Atacama Desert?
 - a. none
 - b. a few drops every decade
 - c. a few drops each day
6. What lives in the center of the Atacama Desert?
 - a. almost nothing
 - b. some plants
 - c. people
7. Why didn't Nathan visit the center of the desert?
 - a. it's too dangerous
 - b. it's hard to reach
 - c. both a. and b.
8. How many people live in the coastal towns of the Atacama?
 - a. 1,000
 - b. 10,000
 - c. 1,000,000
9. Which country developed the system for collecting water with nets?
 - a. Chile
 - b. The United States
 - c. Canada
10. How much water do people need every day?
 - a. 50 liters per person
 - b. 200 liters per person
 - c. 10,000 liters per person