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1 Vocabulary landscapes

Complete the expressions to do with landscapes using adjectives.

1 a landscape which is typical of the American West: """" plains
2 a fertile area where you can cultivate crops well: farmland
3 big fields with green grass and flowers: meadows
4 an area where little can grow: vegetation
5 you would see this in hot countries, where there is little rainfall: sky
6 a feature of the Alps or Himalayas, for example: """" mountains
7 a scene with traditional farmhouses: scene
8 a place outside the city which you might consider perfect: countryside
9 you wouldn’t see this landscape during the day: skyline
10 a gentle landscape, neither flat nor mountainous: hills

2 Language focus approximation

Rewrite the words in italics to make them more approximate. There is sometimes more than one possible answer.

1 She's 160 cm tall, so she can’t join the police force.
2 It was supposed to be a small party but in the end, 100 people turned up.
3 They asked for a day to consider their decision.
4 Because it was Saturday night, there was a long wait for the taxi.
5 I haven’t been on holiday to this hotel for 20 years.
6 Generally speaking, people find particle physics complicated.
7 She was looking for a person to make her feel special.
8 We’ve been travelling for 15 weeks and we’ve accumulated so much baggage!
9 He’s climbed 50 mountains in his life.
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3 Idioms adjective collocations

Complete the sentences with adjective collocations.

1. We arrived at the meal an hour after everyone else. The food was ________________ ________________.
2. The tournament was ________________ ________________ because all the competitors were very strong.
3. Usain Bolt won the Olympic 100m final in ________________ time.
4. It’s the first ________________ ________________ car I’ve ever bought in my life!
5. They were ________________ ________________ when they heard that there were ghosts in the hotel.
6. We got stuck on a ski lift for nearly half an hour and because it was snowing, we were ________________.
7. There was a thunderstorm when they were playing golf and they got ________________.
8. She said she’d be home by midnight, so at 3 a.m. I was ________________.
9. The Atacama desert has virtually no rainfall. It’s ________________.
10. In the middle of the Amazon jungle, there is no artificial light, so it’s ________________ when the sun goes down.

4 Language focus qualifiers

Cross out the qualifier or qualifiers which do not fit in each sentence.

1. Given its location, I thought it was a bit / a fairly / a pretty cheap hotel.
2. After watching the creature for a while, she was fairly / quite / slightly certain it was a dolphin.
3. We were quite a / rather / slightly anxious about catching the train.
4. The questions weren’t easy, so it was a quite / quite a / quite difficult to pass the exam.
5. She’s fairly / rather a / slightly tall girl for her age, though her peers may catch up with her.
6. I think the exams have been quite / rather / slightly hard this year, though the examination board claims they have been carefully checked.
7. She’s quite / rather / slightly regretted her decision to quit her job.
8. We fairly / pretty / quite want to move to London, but I don’t think we can afford it.

5 Word focus space and room

Complete the sentences with space or room.

1. Profits are up but not as much as we’d expected, so there’s definitely ________________ for improvement.
2. Your car’s too big – you’ll never get it into that parking ________________!
3. He’s self-employed and so just uses a ________________ in his house as an office.
4. She says she wants to move to Italy and take up as an artist – just watch this ________________!
5. We had plenty of ________________ for a table and chairs.
6. Oh, that looks delicious; I think I’ve got ________________ for dessert!
7. She needed some breathing ________________, so she went to Prague with her best friend.
8. We realised that the subject of a pay rise was the elephant in the ________________.