

Reading comprehension

Read the article and choose the correct option.

- 1 What period do the three news stories cover?
 - a three months
 - b three years
 - c five years
- 2 What happened to the Aral Sea over the period of the three news stories?
 - a It got bigger.
 - b It got smaller.
 - c It stayed the same.
- 3 How many different parts of the Aral Sea do the news stories talk about?
 - a two
 - b three
 - c four

Read the article again and choose the correct option.

- 4 According to the first news story, why did the fishermen meet?
 - a to do sports
 - b to go fishing
 - c to have a party
- 5 According to the first news story, what was one result of building the dam?
 - a The northern and southern parts of the Sea joined up.
 - b There was more water in the southern part of the Sea.
 - c There were more fish in the northern part of the Sea.

- 6 Which statement is true, according to the second news story?

- a In 2009 there was no water in the eastern Aral Sea.
- b In 2010 there was no water in the eastern Aral Sea.
- c In 2014 there was no water in the eastern Aral Sea.

- 7 According to the second news story, ...

- a the Aral Sea is really a lake.
- b the water in the Aral Sea was salty.
- c water from the Aral Sea goes into two rivers.

- 8 According to the second news story, ...

- a the Aral Sea provided food and jobs.
- b there were 40,000 fishermen on the Aral Sea.
- c We get resources we need from the sea.

- 9 According to the third news story, which sentence is true?

- a The area south of the Sea has been a desert for 50 years.
- b The edge of the water has moved 80 kilometres.
- c There's a road to the edge of the Aral Sea.

- 10 According to the third news story, ...

- a Kamalov feels positive about the future of the Aral Sea.
- b the area now produces oil and gas.
- c Kamalov thinks the lake is about 30 metres deep.