The story of the Aral Sea

Vocabulary practice

beach (n) land with sand or stones that is next to the sea
desert (n) a large area of land where there is little rain and not many plants grow
east (n) the direction from which the sun rises in the morning; opposite to west.
lake (n) a large area of water with land all around it
north (n) the direction on the left when you look at the sunrise; opposite to south
rain (v) when water falls from the sky in drops, it rains
river (n) water that travels along a natural channel across the land to the sea
sand (n) the substance usually found on beaches and in deserts that is made of very small pieces of rock
sea (n) the salty water that covers about three-quarters of the Earth's surface
south (n) the direction on the right when you look at the sunrise; opposite the north.

1 Write the Keywords from the box that are connected to water:
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2 _____________________
3 _____________________
4 _____________________

2 Complete the points on the compass with words from the Keywords box.

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3 Complete the paragraphs with words from the Keywords box. 5 and 6 are the same word.

The Sahara 1 ____________ is in 2 ____________ Africa. It’s a very big area of 3 ____________ with no plants or trees. It doesn’t 4 ____________ very often there.

There is a 5 ____________ in Europe called 6 ____________ Geneva. It’s between France and Switzerland. The main 7 ____________ that goes into it is called the Rhone. The Alps mountains are to the 8 ____________.

Grammar practice

4 Find these sentences in the article and complete them.

The fishermen were happy 1 ____________ there were fish in the water.
People used the water in the two rivers for agriculture, 2 ____________ the water didn’t arrive at the Aral Sea.

5 Complete the sentences with so or because.

1 The water is very salty 2 ____________ there are no fish.
2 I’m happy 3 ____________ I passed my exam.
3 We went to the beach 4 ____________ it was a sunny day.
4 The water was cold 5 ____________ we didn’t go swimming.
5 It was a long way to the lake 6 ____________ we went by car.
6 I didn’t sing the song 7 ____________ I can’t sing very well.
7 We’re having our party on Sunday 8 ____________ nobody works that day.
8 It rained all day 9 ____________ we stayed at home.