

The story of the Aral Sea

Extra Activities

Vocabulary practice

Keywords:

deep (adj) measuring a long way from the surface to the bottom in a river, sea etc.

desert (n) a large area of land where there is little rain and not many plants grow

dry up (phrasal verb) if a river or lake dries up, it becomes dry because water stops coming into it

flow (v) to move easily and smoothly in one direction

gas (n) a substance like air that is found under the ground and is used for cooking and heating etc.

lake (n) a large area of water with land all around it

oil (n) the thick black liquid that is found under the ground and is used to make petrol

salty (adj) containing salt

sand (n) the substance usually found on beaches and in deserts that is made of very small pieces of rock

shore (n) the land along the edge of a sea or lake

1 Complete the sentences with words from the Keywords box.

1 The river is great for kayaks	s because it quite fast.	
2 I think it's difficult to walk	on, especially if it's hot.	
3 The food tasted very	and I didn't enjoy it very much.	
4 The people were waiting o	n the for the fishing boats to return.	
5 When the price of	goes up, lots of things become more expensive	е.
6 There's a kind of river that has water in winter but		_ in summer.
Grammar practice		
2 Find these sentences in	the article and complete them.	
But it was so	_ it was called a sea.	
which is so	_ that no fish can live in it.	

3 Look at the example. Read the pairs of sentences. Then write one sentence with so.

The lake is very salty. No fish can live in it. \rightarrow The lake is so salty (that) no fish can live in it.

- 1 The shore was very far away. We couldn't walk to it.
- 2 The pool is very deep. My feet don't touch the bottom.

- 3 The land here is really dry. Nothing will grow.
- 4 The food in the restaurant was really good. We went back the next day.
- 5 I was tired after the trip. I fell asleep on the sofa.
- 6 We were very surprised. We didn't know what to say.
- 7 The river flows really quickly. We can't swim across it.
- 8 The man spoke quietly. I didn't understand him very well.

4 Look at the example. Then write complete sentences with such.

It was a very nice day. We went to the beach. \rightarrow It was such a nice day (that) we went to the beach.

- 1 We had a good time at the beach. We didn't want to leave.
- 2 It was a big lake. We couldn't see the other side.
- 3 It was an old car. Nobody wanted to buy it.
- 4 It's an exciting book. I can't stop reading it.
- 5 The city was an interesting place. We saw something new every day.
- 6 It's an expensive shop. I don't think I'll come back again.