

Choose the best option for each blank.

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(4) \_\_\_\_\_, the Dead Sea was about the same size as today. Then the climate of the area changed and became wetter. This change (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the Dead Sea to grow longer. However, after some time, the climate changed again, and the lake returned to its original size and (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The Dead Sea is one of the saltiest lakes in the world. One litre of seawater may (7) \_\_\_\_\_ up to 327 grams of salt. With so much salt in the water, no fish or flora can survive in the Dead Sea. (8) \_\_\_\_\_, for people who love swimming, it's the ideal place to (9) \_\_\_\_\_. And the salt in the water makes it easy to swim without any (10) \_\_\_\_\_ at all!

There is not much rainfall in this place of the world. It usually rains only between October and March. The temperatures vary (11) \_\_\_\_\_ on the area you look at. In the northern parts of the Dead Sea winter temperatures reach only about 14° C; however, in August it can get up to 34 °C in the south. The highest (12) \_\_\_\_\_ temperature for this region is 51 °C.

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**Coastline of the Dead Sea**

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<b>1</b>	found	situated	set	placed
<b>2</b>	ranges	spreads	covers	extends
<b>3</b>	widely	somewhat	surely	extremely
<b>4</b>	Originally	Finally	Firstly	Eventually
<b>5</b>	led	brought	affected	caused
<b>6</b>	outline	shape	nature	structure
<b>7</b>	consist	comprise	contain	exclude
<b>8</b>	Besides	However	Additionally	Also
<b>9</b>	reduce	ease	calm	relax
<b>10</b>	try	sweat	force	effort
<b>11</b>	varying	depending	changing	differing
<b>12</b>	recorded	detailed	taped	proven
<b>13</b>	strategy	design	plan	sketch
<b>14</b>	ground	level	point	amount
<b>15</b>	enormous	giant	vast	extensive

## KEY

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(4) **Originally**, the Dead Sea was about the same size as today. Then the climate of the area changed and became wetter. This change (5) **caused** the Dead Sea to grow longer. However, after some time, the climate changed again, and the lake returned to its original size and (6) **shape**.

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