

EXTREME EXPLORER

Comprehension Check

Write the correct letter of the word that matches each definition next to numbers 1-6.

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| ___ 1. level of the ocean's surface | a. adaptation |
| ___ 2. the sun and everything that orbits around it | b. altitude |
| ___ 3. remains of something that lived long ago | c. atmosphere |
| ___ 4. behavior or body part that helps an animal survive | d. solar system |
| ___ 5. gases around a planet | e. sea level |
| ___ 6. height above sea level | f. fossil |

Read questions 7-9. Circle the correct answer.

7. Less oxygen at higher altitudes can produce which of these symptoms in climbers?

- A. difficulty sleeping
- B. breathing problems
- C. headaches and nausea
- D. all of the above

8. Which of these is **not** a gecko adaptation?

- A. super night vision
- B. ability to glide
- C. ability to swim underwater
- D. sticky toes

9. What evidence makes scientists think that life may have existed on Mars?

- A. extreme weather
- B. ancient riverbeds
- C. green crystals
- D. huge volcanoes

10. Imagine you're an explorer. Would you rather go to the top of Mount Everest or to Mars?
Why and what are the three biggest challenges you might face?

