**Island of wild horses**

**Before you watch**

**1. How much do you know about horses? Answer the quiz questions:**

1. Horses are

a) herbivores b) predators

## 2. Humans domesticated horses more than

a) 3,000 Years Ago b) 300 Years Ago

3. Horses are extremely intelligent

a) yes b) no

4. What can foals do shortly after birth?

a) stand, run and trot b) only stand

5. How long can horses live?

a) more than 30 years b) less than 20 years

**2. Look at the words and match them to the definitions.**

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| herd | a period of t ime with no rain |
| scorching heat | a piece of land surrounded by water |
| island | a group of horses |
| steppe | a type of wild horse |
| mustang | to move over a wide area |
| to roam | extremely hot weather |
| drought | a large area of unforested grassland |

**While you watch**

**2. You are going to watch a video about a herd of wild horses called mustangs.**

**Watch the first part of the video and and complete the table.**

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| Place |  |
| Location |  |
| Habitants |  |
| The reason the trees don’t grow there |  |

**3. Watch the second part of the video. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false sentences.**

1. Summer time on the island is marked by extremely hot weather with no rain and strong winds.

2. The salt makes the lake’s water unpotable.

3. Vladimir Kusmin explores the island the whole year.

4. The island is now close to tourists and researchers.

**Answer the questions:**

Where do horses find drinkable water?

How does the biologist understand that the horses are nearby?

What is the explanation of how the horses came to the island?

What is their attitude towards people?

**4. Watch the third part of the video and complete the sentences.**

The nickname of the biologist is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_is the only building on the island. All he needs in the steppe is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In the morning the weather is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In the morning horses feed on\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Mustangs there have no enemies because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. .

5. Watch the video to the end and find out what these numbers refer to:

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**After you watch**

**6. Collect information in the Internet and write about other unusual nature reserves in Russia.**