

Need a Big Mac out on the tundra? There's an app (and a plane) for that (6:06 mins)



Listening comprehension test

This worksheet and the recording are in American English.

You have two minutes to read through the questions. You will then hear the recording and answer the questions or complete the sentences. Mark (✓) the correct box or write your answers in the blank spaces.

After you have heard the text once, there will be a pause of one minute before you hear the text again. You will then have two minutes to check your answers.

1. What two things are needed to order fast food in remote Alaskan villages?

- _____
- _____

2. Name three specific essentials that Robert Golike transports.

- _____
- _____
- _____

3. What does Natalia Navarro's family call their DoorDash deliveries?

4. Mark (✓) the correct box. There is only one correct answer to each question.

a) Another way to say "to eat" is ...

- ☐ "to relish".
- ☐ "to flavor."
- ☐ "to dig in."
- ☐ "to savor."

b) Which of these features would Golike probably not see on one of his delivery runs?

- ☐ mountains
- ☐ lakes
- ☐ snow
- ☐ grassland terrain

c) The Navarro family likes to order food to Anchorage because ...

- ☐ there is only one restaurant.
- ☐ chicken and moose stews become boring.
- ☐ they want to get a break from microwaved food.
- ☐ it's a chance to have fresh food.

d) Which word best describes the supply chain in Alaska?

- ☐ basic
- ☐ complicated
- ☐ two-way
- ☐ businesslike

e) Supanika Ordonez used to live in a place that ...

- ☐ is not too far from Fairbanks.
- ☐ has a few places to buy food.
- ☐ is near the Arctic Circle.
- ☐ could only get fast food deliveries to the airport.

5. Complete the following sentences by writing the correct word in the spaces.

- a) Because food-delivery _____ have become so very common, even the most remote communities have _____ to all kinds of different _____.
- b) Many airlines will only make a food delivery to these _____ places when they also need to transport a _____.
- c) The high delivery costs are based on three factors: the _____, the food's _____, and how much _____ space there is on the plane.
- d) Kristen Taylor started her second business, called Alaska _____, which delivers food and _____ almost everywhere in Alaska.
- e) In the summer months, people in Alaska are busy with stocking up on _____ for _____, which means they order fewer pizzas from Taylor. In fall and winter, however, Taylor sends out a few _____ pizzas every day.
- f) Alaskans order pizza for special _____ like birthdays or graduations.

6. How do some customers respond to Taylor's pizza deliveries? And how does this make her feel?

- response: _____ • feelings: _____

Answer key

Listening comprehension

1. app • plane (title)
2. mail • produce • diapers (para. 1)
3. city food fixes (para. 2)
4. a) ☒ "to dig in." (para. 3)
b) ☒ grassland terrain (para. 3)
c) ☒ chicken and moose stews become boring. (para. 3)
d) ☒ complicated (para. 5)
e) ☒ is near the Arctic Circle. (para. 6)
5. a) services • access • cuisines (para. 7)
b) remote • passenger (para. 8)
c) destination • weight • available (para. 8)
d) Sky Pies • (party) decorations (para. 9)
e) food • winter • hundred (para. 10)
f) occasions (para. 10)
6. send notes • touched (para. 10)

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