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EXTREME HOMES

Before you watch

1 Match the photos with the words in the box.

ancestor boiling reeds stunning

1 stunning2 ancestor3 boiling4 reeds

2 Are the sentences T (true) or F (false)?

- 1 People can't live in desert areas where it hardly ever rains. F
- 2 At temperatures of -60°C your eyes start to freeze up. F
- 3 In Siberia, you can only grow food for two months of the year. F
- 4 In Lake Titicaca, there are people who live on the water on islands made of reeds. T

While you watch

3 Watch the video and find out if your answers to Exercise 2 were right. Correct the false sentences.

- 1 There have been people living in the Atacama Desert for thousands of years.
- 2 Your skin could freeze.
- 3 It's three months.

4 Watch the video up to 02:11 and answer the questions.

- 1 Where is the Atacama Desert?
On the coast of Chile.
- 2 What is the average rainfall there?
It is 1 mm a year.
- 3 Why do scientists live there?
As there are no lights from nearby cities the stars are very clear and they can study the sky.
- 4 What temperature is normal in a Siberian winter?
 -60°C
- 5 How do people in Siberia travel?
On public transport or by car.

5 Watch the video from 02:11 to the end and complete the summary with the correct words.

On Lake Titicaca, the Uros people live on ¹ 120 islands made from reeds. Between three and ten ² families live on each island. The Uros's houses and ³ boats are also built from the reeds.

In Matera, in Italy, houses are built into the ⁴ rocks. Some inhabitants live in the same homes as their ancestors did ⁵ 9,000 years earlier.

After you watch

6 Discuss the questions below with a partner. Do you agree?

- 1 Which of the places in the video would be the most difficult place for you to live? Why?
- 2 Which of the places would you most like to visit? Why?
- 3 Why do you think people live in these extreme places?

Students' own answers