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# Grammar in the News

## Small Town Decides to Move Away

- **Complete the paragraph by circling the correct words.**

A village (small town) of about 650 people in Alaska (1)\_\_\_\_\_ to move away to a new location. The village, called Shishmaref, is on (2)\_\_\_\_\_, and the island is getting smaller and smaller. The island is getting smaller (3)\_\_\_\_\_ the sea temperature is getting warmer and ice is melting. Every year, the sea is closer to the houses in Shishmaref, and the people there (4)\_\_\_\_\_ afraid that (5)\_\_\_\_\_ houses will soon fall into the water. In fact, some people say that the island will be gone (6)\_\_\_\_\_ only 20 years. Shishmaref is (7)\_\_\_\_\_ special, however. There (8)\_\_\_\_\_ many other islands in the world that may disappear under the water because of rising sea levels. For example, the island nation of Kiribati wants to (9)\_\_\_\_\_ land in another country (Fiji) so that the 100,000 Kiribati people will (10)\_\_\_\_\_ a place to live when their island is under water. Most of the people of Shishmaref voted to leave, but (11)\_\_\_\_\_ can they leave? It will cost millions of dollars to move the village to a new, safer location, but, unfortunately, Shishmaref is a poor village with not (12)\_\_\_\_\_ money.

1.

- (A) want  
(B) wants  
(C) wanting

2.

- (A) a small island  
(B) small island  
(C) the small island

3.

- (A) because  
(B) so  
(C) however

4.

- (A) are  
(B) do  
(C) is

5.

- (A) they're  
(B) there  
(C) their

6.

- (A) at  
(B) in  
(C) on

7.

- (A) none  
(B) no  
(C) not

8.

- (A) be  
(B) have  
(C) are

9.

- (A) buy  
(B) bought  
(C) buying

10.

- (A) has  
(B) have  
(C) had

11.

- (A) what  
(B) when  
(C) who

12.

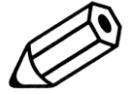
- (A) must  
(B) many  
(C) much

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## Vocabulary Practice



- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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|----------------|--------------|--|
| 1. village     | <u>  E  </u> | A. how hot or cold something is; for example "27° C" |
| 2. island      | _____        | B. becoming higher                                   |
| 3. temperature | _____        | C. place   |
| 4. melting     | _____        | D. to become invisible, not able to be seen          |
| 5. disappear   | _____        | E. a small town                                      |
| 6. rising      | _____        | F. the measure of how high the sea is                |
| 7. sea level   | _____        | G. land that has water on all sides                  |
| 8. location    | _____        | H. for example: when ice becomes water               |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Use Past Tense when necessary.

1. I don't live in a big city. I live in a village.
2. Iceland is an \_\_\_\_\_ nation. It is surrounded by water.
3. Hurry up and finish your ice-cream! It's \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ is high today. It's already thirty-six degrees Celsius.
5. I can't see the rabbit. Where is it? Did it \_\_\_\_\_?
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ is getting higher because ice is melting.
7. My home is in a great \_\_\_\_\_. It's next to a park.
8. My school grades are \_\_\_\_\_ because I am studying hard.

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

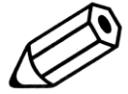
1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

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## How Much Do You Understand?



● Write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Alaska is becoming smaller and smaller.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ The article says the people of Shishmaref will move to Fiji.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Shishmaref is becoming a dangerous place to live.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Kiribati is an island country.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Kiribati and Shishmaref have a similar problem.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ The article says Kiribati will give money to help Shishmaref move.

## Discuss

● Discuss the following questions with your classmates.

1. Why is ice melting on our planet and why are sea levels rising?
2. What problems are there in your town or city?
3. What do you like most about your town or city? Why?

## Write

● Choose one of the above discussion questions. Write a short paragraph to answer it.

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**Headline** 'Small Town Decides to Move Away'

**Grammar Focus** Mixed (includes comparatives)

**Level** Elementary to Pre-Intermediate – CEFR A2

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*My Notes*



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|------|-------|
| 1. B | 7. C  |
| 2. A | 8. C  |
| 3. A | 9. A  |
| 4. A | 10. B |
| 5. C | 11. B |
| 6. B | 12. C |

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**ANSWER KEY** Page 3

● **Vocabulary**

- |      |                |
|------|----------------|
| 1. E | 1. village     |
| 2. G | 2. island      |
| 3. A | 3. melting     |
| 4. H | 4. temperature |
| 5. D | 5. disappear   |
| 6. B | 6. sea level   |
| 7. F | 7. location    |
| 8. C | 8. rising      |

● **How Much Do You Understand?**

1. F (*The island where Shishmaref is located is getting smaller.*)
2. F (*The article doesn't say where the people will move to.*)
3. T
4. T
5. T
6. F (*The article doesn't say this.*)

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