

**Título:** Life in the Altiplano

**Área Curricular:** Lengua Extranjera Inglés

**Año/Ciclo:** Secundaria

**Contenidos:** Adjetivos en forma superlativa.

**Descripción de la actividad:** Lectura de texto con actividades de comprensión e identificación de adjetivos en forma superlativa..

**Consignas:**



1-Mira la foto y lee el primer párrafo del texto. Reflexiona:

¿Estas oraciones son verdaderas o falsas?



2-Lee rápidamente el artículo y confirma tus predicciones.

3-¿Cuál crees que sería el mejor título del texto? Elige.



4-Lee nuevamente y completa.

5-Completa la definición con una de las palabras en negrita del texto.

6-Elige la opción correcta.



7- Debate: ¿Hay paisajes imponentes en tu país? ¿Qué tipo de animales habitan allí?

## Life in the Altiplano

1- Look at the photo and read the first paragraph of the article. Do you think the statements below are true (T) or false (F)? Discuss with a partner.

- The Altiplano is a very high place.            T    F
- The Altiplano is in Africa.                        T    F
- Very few people live in the Altiplano.        T    F

2- Read the article quickly to check your guesses.



In the high Andes of South America lies one of the most incredible landscapes in the world. The Altiplano, or 'high plain', is a place of <sup>1</sup>extremes.

It is the second-largest mountain **plateau** in the world. It holds the world's largest high-altitude lake, Lake Titicaca, and the largest <sup>2</sup>salt flat, Salar de Uyuni. At 4,500 metres, it is also higher than many of the world's mountains.

Most of the Altiplano lies within Bolivia and Peru, while its southern parts lie in Chile and Argentina. The Atacama Desert – one of the driest areas on the planet – lies to the south-west. The Amazon rainforest lies to the west.

It is an <sup>3</sup>otherworldly **landscape** that looks more like Mars than Earth. High volcanoes **contrast** with deep valleys. Temperatures can change from boiling hot to freezing cold in a single day. Few trees can survive the dry conditions.

But suprisingly, animal life <sup>4</sup>thrives here. There are mammals, such as llamas, foxes and alpacas. There are also birds like the high-flying condors and three **species** of South American flamingos. Millions of people live in the Altiplano, too; most live in the area between Lake Titicaca and Salar de Uyuni. In fact, this is where Bolivia's most **populated** city, La Paz, is.

<sup>1</sup> **extremes** (n) conditions much colder, hotter, drier, etc., than the usual

<sup>2</sup> **salt flat** (n) a level area of land covered in salt

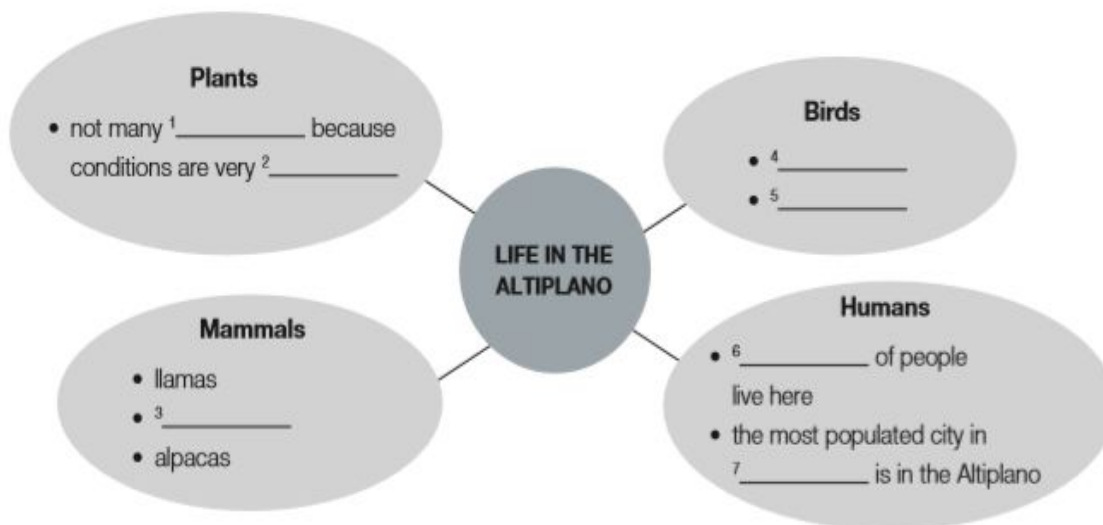
<sup>3</sup> **otherworldly** (adj) strange, as if from another planet

<sup>4</sup> **thrive** (v) to do well and be successful

3-Read the article. Choose the best alternative title.

- South America's natural wonders
- Land of extremes
- Animals at high altitude
- The highest city in the world

4-Read the article again. Complete the notes.





5-Complete the definitions with a bold word from the article.

1 A \_\_\_\_\_ is a large area of high, flat land.

2 A \_\_\_\_\_ is everything you see when you look at an area of land.

3 A \_\_\_\_\_ is a group of animals or plants with the same characteristics.

6- Choose the correct options to complete the definitions.

- a. If a place is **populated**, people *live* / *don't live* there.
- b. If two things **contrast**, they are *the same* / *different*.

7- Are there any incredible landscapes in your country? What kinds of animal species live there?

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