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T: write a letter to a desert nomad

You are going to write a letter to a nomad in the desert.

In your letter you will need to:

- ask them questions about their life
- tell them what your life is like

Remember, where nomads live in desert climates:

- It is extremely hot all year round during the day
- There are sandstorms
- There are hardly any shops or tarmac roads
- There are no brick houses
- There is very little rainfall
- It is difficult to farm crops or livestock
- Wild animals like snakes and scorpions move freely
- Global temperatures and desertification are increasing
- Life is hard
- They do not have much modern technology e.g. tractors
- The land is covered in sand with no / very little soil
- They never stay in any one place for very long

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Dear _____,

Seeing as it is so difficult to get food to eat do you find life hard? In Britain we are lucky because we can just go to the shop and buy lots of different food.

Yours faithfully,

Your Name

Watch the following videos from BBC tribe series as a class:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/tribe/tribes/dassanech/index.shtml>

Watch following video clips:

- Bruce sees how hard it is to live here
- Bruce asks about their hunting night ahead
- Bruce goes on his first crocodile hunt
- Bruce struggles in the heat and collects water

Now you know a bit more about life for nomadic people in the desert you are going to pretend to be a member of a nomadic tribe and write a letter to someone in Britain.

In your letter you will need to:

- ask questions about life in Britain
- tell them what life is like as a nomad in the desert

The nomad (that's you) has been shown videos about Britain and they know that Britain has:

- lots of technology that you don't have e.g. trains
- brick houses with running water and air-conditioning
- people who live in one place and do not move around
- people who cause pollution that causes desertification
- the weather is cooler, with lots more rain
- four distinct seasons
- lots of shops, pubs, cinemas and so on
- fertile soil
- land that is not covered in sand
- land that is easy to travel across
- roads, trains, airports and cars

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Dear _____,

Britain looks so different to our home. Instead of the land being covered in sand it is all green; that must be wonderful.

Yours faithfully,

Your Name