

General Grammar Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word or phrase.

1. We still don't know Mars supports life or not.

that
as
whether

2. Scientists that Mars might have supported life in the past.

suspect
are suspecting
have suspected

3. Mars is arid and dusty.

present
presently

4. Characteristics like channels on the Martian surface indicates that the planet once very wet.

is

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was

had

5. Scientists are to learn about the history of water on Mars.

Please select 2 correct answers

eager

eagerly

eagerness

6. Water is fundamental to the question of whether the planet has ever microbial or some other life.

support

supported

supporting

7. Life we know it requires water.

as

like

Either could be used here

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8. A fisherman once on the banks of a river.

- lives
- was living
- lived

9. He fishing every morning, but could never catch enough fish.

- would go
- went
- Either could be used here

10. He a miserable life.

Please select 2 correct answers

- led
- lead
- leads

11. Then one day he a big fish.

- catches

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caught
has caught

12. The fisherman the fish to the market, but no one could pay the price he demanded.

takes
took
has taken

Answers

1. We still don't know whether Mars supports life or not.
2. Scientists suspect that Mars might have supported life in the past.
3. Mars is presently arid and dusty.
4. Characteristics like channels on the Martian surface indicates that the planet was once very wet.
5. Scientists are eager to learn about the history of water on Mars.
6. Water is fundamental to the question of whether the planet has ever supported microbial or some other life.
7. Life as we know it requires water.

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8. A fisherman once lived on the banks of a river.
9. He went / would go fishing every morning, but could never catch enough fish.
10. He led / leads a miserable life.
11. Then one day he caught a big fish.
12. The fisherman took the fish to the market, but no one could pay the price he demanded.