

Unit 9, Reading, exercise 4

1 Striped leggings, a top with dinosaurs, cool trainers – but are these great kids' clothes for boys or girls? At John Lewis department stores now, there isn't a difference. They didn't like the idea of pink clothes for girls' or boys' clothes with words like 'Future Scientist' so they decided to stop having separate sections for boys' and girls' clothes and just sell a mix of clothes for all children.

2 The Atacama in Chile is officially the driest desert on Earth. The average rainfall is just 1 mm and in parts of the desert, it never rains. Its position between the Andes mountains and the sea means that rain clouds often can't get to the Atacama. Experts think the last time it rained in some places was hundreds of years ago.

3 Britain's healthiest town is Bristol! With 45 sports clubs and more than 230 cycle routes, the citizens of Bristol live in the top place for a healthy life. Experts counted swimming pools, parks, sports centres and fast-food restaurants. What about London? It was number 5 – from the bottom!

4 What do more than 60% of British people take when they go on holiday? Is it sun cream, a guidebook, or a toothbrush? You're wrong! The answer is quite strange! Among the things British people pack, one of the most important is food. Some people don't like foreign food and drinks; others think it's too expensive. Among the most popular things you can find in a British suitcase are tea and instant coffee, biscuits and noodles!