

# Ch 9 Life in the Temperate Grasslands

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## Exercises

1. Answer the following questions.

(i) What are the Temperate Grasslands of North America called?

### Answer

The Temperate Grasslands of North America called The Prairies.

(ii) What are the cattle farms in the North American Grasslands known as?

### Answer

The cattle farms in the North American Grasslands known as Ranches.

(iii) Name the rivers that drain the Velds.

### Answer

The rivers that drain the Velds are Orange and the Limpopo.

(iv) When is the rainy season in the Velds?

### Answer

The rainy season in the Velds is from November to February.

(v) What is the major occupation of the people of the South African grasslands?

### Answer

Sheep rearing is the most important occupation of the people. Other major occupations include Dairy farming and mining.

2. Tick the correct answer.

(i) River Mississippi drains

(a) Canada

(b) Africa

(c) USA

✓ (c) USA

(ii) Drakensberg Mountains are to the west of

(a) Prairies

(b) Velds

(c) Pampas

✓ (b) Velds

(iii) Merino is a species of

(a) fish

(b) elephant

(c) sheep

✓ (c) sheep

(iv) Kimberley is famous for

(a) diamonds

(b) silver

(c) platinum

✓ (a) diamonds

3. Match the following.

(i) Cowboys	(a) Iron and Steel
(ii) Gold	(b) Prairies
(iii) Kudu	(c) Hot wind
(iv) Chinook	(d) Velds
(v) Coal	(e) Johannesburg
-	(f) Animal

**Answer**

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(ii) Gold	(e) Johannesburg
(iii) Kudu	(f) Animal
(iv) Chinook	(c) Hot wind
(v) Coal	(a) Iron and Steel

4. Give reasons.

(i) The Prairies are known as the 'Granaries of the World'.

(ii) Rise of wool industry in the Velds.

**Answer**

(i) The Prairies are known as the 'Granaries of the World' due to the huge surplus of wheat production. The soil here contains high humus content which provide required nutrition to the crops. The temperature in the Prairies is also suitable for the growth of food crops.

(ii) Rise of wool industry in the Velds because people sheep rearing is the most important occupation of people living there. Sheep are bred mainly for wool and also Merino sheep is a popular species there whose wool is very warm.