

## Video zone - The salt hotel

### Instructions

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do Task 1.

### Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

	Vocabulary		Definition
1.	unique	a.	an area of flat land naturally covered with salt
2.	copper	b.	very special and unusual
3.	corrosion	c.	someone who is an expert in a particular subject
4.	salt flat	d.	things that people make using their hands
5.	altitude	e.	the height of a place above sea level
6.	to destroy	f.	damage caused to metal
7.	handicrafts	g.	a red-brown metal
8.	a specialist	h.	to ruin

#### Task 1 – Choose the best answer

Choose the best answer to fill in the gaps.

- 1. The hotel is made out of bricks / out of salt / out of sediment.
- 2. The small lines in the salt bricks represent the *summer / hot / rainy* season and the sediment in the salt.
- 3. According to Dario Lora, the salt flat is the biggest in the world and it covers 12,000 / 20,000 / 2,000 square kilometres.
- 4. The local people from Colchani specialise in making *hands out of salt / handicrafts out of salt / food dishes made with salt*.
- 5. The salt hotel is situated at a high altitude above sea level. It's *less than 3,000 metres / more than 3,000 metres / 2,000 metres* above sea level.
- 6. Quinoa is a popular dish in Burma / Bulgaria / Bolivia.
- 7. The salt used in the dishes has a better flavour because it's whiter and is more pure / it's stronger and is more pure / it's stronger but is less pure.



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8. The salt bricks are constantly having to be changed around the hotel because *the* weather in the rainy season / the weather in the dry season / the rain in the dry season destroys the salt bricks.

### Discussion

Would you like to visit a hotel made out of salt? Have you ever stayed in an unusual hotel?





## **Answers**

## Preparation

- 1. b
- 2. g
- 3. f
- 4. a
- 5. e
- 6. h
- 7. d
- 8. c

### Task 1 – Choose the best answer

- 1. out of salt
- 2. rainy
- 3. 12,000
- 4. handicrafts out of salt
- 5. more than 3,000 metres
- 6. Bolivia
- 7. it's stronger and is more pure
- 8. the weather in the rainy season