

3 Travel & Holidays

- 1 b) Match the texts to the pictures. ...
Listen and check.
Choose a text and translate it into Polish.

A Madrid is a vibrant city and the locals are very friendly. We visited all the major tourist attractions and in the evening we experienced Madrid's fascinating nightlife.

B It was freezing cold with a temperature of -5°C. We stayed in a small secluded village high up in the mountains. Our hostel was clean and cosy and the food was delicious.

C The place where we stayed was clean and very peaceful. There was a beach five minutes down the road. The sea was crystal clear and we went swimming every morning. The beach was almost always deserted. We really enjoyed having it to ourselves.



3a Reading

- 2 Check these words/phrases in the Word List. Use five of them to complete the gaps. ...

- ? thunder
- ? plunge into
- ? natural wonders
- ? rainbows
- ? unique experience
- ? tourist attraction
- ? named

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- 2 Livingstone _____ the waterfall after his wife. ...
- 3 Every minute 200 million litres of water _____ a gorge. ...
- 4 You can hear the water make a noise like _____ even when you are 50 km from the waterfall. ...
- 5 A visit to the waterfall is a _____. ...

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A Before the exploration of Africa in the 19th century, myths and legends circulated around Europe about the continent. Europeans knew very little about this vast mass of land as few travellers had ever dared venture into its mysterious interior. One enthusiastic Scottish explorer by the name of Dr David Livingstone was passionate about Africa and extremely eager to discover its secrets. Little did he know what marvels he would find.

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B Dr Livingstone was sent to South Africa in 1840 as a medical missionary. He would end up spending a large part of his life there. Between 1842 and 1846, he explored south and central Africa and became the first European to travel across the entire country West to East. On 16th November 1855, Dr Livingstone stumbled upon a huge waterfall that he described as the most wonderful sight he had seen in Africa. "No one can imagine the beauty of the view from anything witnessed in England. It had never been seen before by European eyes; but scenes so lovely must have been gazed upon by angels in flight," he later wrote. The waterfall was known to the local

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3a Reading

6 Explain the words in bold. Check in the Word List.



flight," he later wrote. The waterfall was known to the local people as 'the smoke that thunders'. But Livingstone named it Victoria Falls after his queen.

C Victoria Falls **is located** in the national park of the same name in southern Africa on the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. While it is neither the highest nor the widest waterfall in the world, it is the largest. The falls itself is 1,708 m wide and 108 m in height. This makes it the biggest single sheet of falling water on the planet. Every minute, 500 million litres of water plunge 100 m into a narrow **gorge**. The spray from the falls rises to a height of 400 m and can be seen up to 50 km away.

D The waterfall is undoubtedly one of the most magnificent natural spectacles in the world. Consequently, it has become a very popular **tourist attraction**. Victoria Falls is considered one of the seven natural **wonders** of the world and the entire national park is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. A visit to the

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D The waterfall is undoubtedly one of the most spectacular natural features in the world and not surprisingly it has become a very popular tourist attraction. It is considered one of the seven natural wonders of the modern world and the entire national park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A visit to Victoria Falls is a truly unique experience. The noise from the water falling sounds like thunder and the air above it seems as if it is filled with clouds of smoke. Spectacular rainbows form in the skies above it in all seasons and the natural beauty of the surrounding area adds even more to its magnificence. Around 300,000 people visit the falls every year and there is no doubt that it inspires visitors as much today as it inspired Dr Livingstone over 150 years ago. 30 35 40

3b Vocabulary

Vocabulary from the text

1 Replace the underlined words/phrases with: *wonders, spread, had strong feelings, unbelievable, seen, inspired, centre*. **CHECK** ...

1 Dr Livingstone was passionate about Africa.

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2 In Europe, strange stories circulated about the continent.

 ...

3 In the 1700s, much of the interior of Africa was unfamiliar to Europeans.

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4 His visit to the waterfall encouraged him to write a novel.

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5 It was unlike anything they had ever witnessed.

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6 The men told fantastic stories about what they had seen in the jungle.

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7 They can't wait to experience the marvels of Africa.

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