

Seven Wonders of the World?



You might be wondering why only seven. Why not five or ten? It's because ancient Greek associated number seven with perfection!



1. Here are some words that will help you understand the texts

A marvel

(adjective) very, very big. _____

gigantic

(noun) a hole in the ground _____

breathtakingly

(verb) to make _____

a crack

(noun) something amazing _____

mysterious

(noun) a sound _____

form

(noun) a large port for boats _____

erupt

(verb) to explode usually liquid. _____

associated

(adjective) something we can't explain _____

A structure

(adverb) with excitement or wonder _____

A noise

(noun) the grey powder left after a fire _____

ash

(noun) something connected with another thing or person _____

A harbour

(noun) a thing made of many parts e.g. a building or a statue _____

Click here for a dictionary to help you.

2. Read the texts and answer the questions:

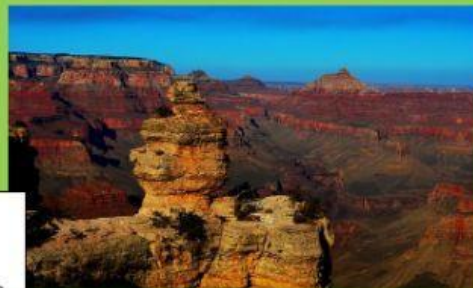
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| 1. The Grand Canyon is in Arizona. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 2. The Great Barrier Reef isn't the biggest in the world. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 3. Mount Everest is in the Himalayas. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 4. The Northern Lights are best at night. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 5. The volcano stopped erupting in 1952. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 6. Rio de Janeiro means 'The lake of January'. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 7. Victoria falls is in Zambia. | TRUE | FALSE |

Our Earth is full of marvels carved out by nature. Gigantic mountains, breathtakingly beautiful waterfalls, fiery volcanoes, mysterious forests and many more beauties like that. But some stand out among the rest. The top seven natural wonders of the world are:



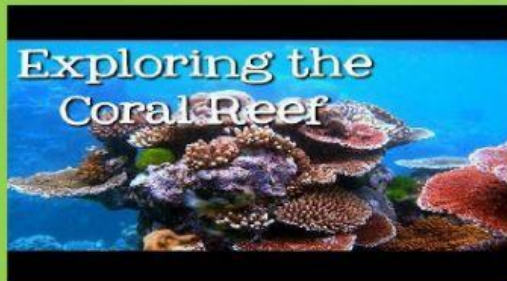
Grand Canyon

Grand means 'large' and *Canyon* means 'big crack in the ground'. Grand Canyon refers to a place in Arizona, United States, where this enormous crack formed in the ground because of the Colorado river.



Great Barrier Reef

Great Barrier Reef near the coast in Queensland, Australia has 14000 different plants and animals and is the biggest coral reef in the World. A coral reef is an underwater structure. It is made of many corals.



Mount Everest

This is a mountain which lies in the Himalayas, is the Earth's highest mountain.



The Northern Lights

The official name is Aurora is the natural display of Bright red, green and blue lights in the sky. You can see them best when it is dark. Winter nights are the best!

Parícutin Volcano

This is a volcano at the top of a hill in the Mexican state of Michoacan. We know when it was formed and this is what makes this volcano special. It started in 1943 in a cornfield of a Mexican farmer. For three weeks, there were strange noises coming out from the ground and then finally ash and stones erupted out. It didn't stop erupting for nine years!



Rio de Janeiro Harbour

It is also known as River of January and as one of the most beautiful natural harbours. It is said, "God made the world in six days and on the seventh, he concentrated on Rio."



Victoria Falls

Victoria Falls, Africa is the largest waterfall on Earth. It is on Zambezi river between Zambia and Zimbabwe.



3. Which do you like the most? Which place or places would you like to visit? And why?

4. Which man-made wonders of the world do you know of? Which would you like to visit? And why?

5. Finally, Test your memory here and here!