

WHERE IN THE WORLD?

Every year, people around the world vote¹ for their favorite natural wonder². In 2012, the Dead Sea was one of the 28 wonders to choose from. But it didn't win a place on the list of the New Seven Wonders of Nature. Here are two of the seven wonders that won.

TABLE MOUNTAIN

- 5 Table Mountain is in Cape Town, South Africa. How did the mountain get its name? The top of the mountain is flat, like a table – a very big table! The flat area is three kilometers from side to side. Table Mountain is the home of 2,000 different kinds of plants³ that only grow there! Would you
10 like to go to the top? No problem. You can climb up or take the cable car⁴. The views from the top are awesome!



THE AMAZON RAINFOREST

- The Amazon Rainforest is in South America. It is so big that it is a part of nine different countries! The rainforest
15 gets its name from the Amazon river that flows⁵ through it. The Amazon is the largest river in the world. The rainforest is home to more than 40,000 different kinds of plants, about 2.5 million different kinds of animals like birds and snakes. Scientists⁶ think there may still be millions of
20 different plants and animals that they don't even know about.



¹ vote / يصوتون / מצביעים

² natural wonder / معجزة طبيعية / טבעי מופלא

³ plants / نباتات / צמחים

⁴ cable car / קבלה / קבלה / קבלה

⁵ flows / יגרי / זורם

⁶ scientists / علماء / מדענים

A Match the number in A to what it refers to in B.

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| 1. 28 | a. The number of plants in the Amazon Rainforest. |
| 2. 2.5 million | b. The number of plants on Table Mountain. |
| 3. 2,000 | c. The year people voted for the New Seven Wonders of Nature. |
| 4. 2012 | d. The number of wonders of nature people could choose from. |
| 5. 40,000 | e. The number of animals in the Amazon Rainforest. |

B Are the sentences true or false? Correct the false sentences.

- Table Mountain is in South America.
- You can walk to the top of Table Mountain.
- The Amazon Rainforest is in North America.
- No other river is as large as the Amazon River.
- Scientists know the names of all the plants and animals in the rainforest.

C Which natural wonder would you like to visit? Write at least two sentences explaining why.