13 Geography

A Geographical features





desert



mountainous region (the Alps)



jungle (the Amazon)

One of the most important **geographical features** in South America is the Iguazu Falls, which are the **waterfalls** of the Iguazu River. They are **located** on the border between Argentina and Brazil in the **southern** part of South America. The falls **divide** the river into the upper and lower Iguazu. The river **flows mostly** through Brazil, but the falls are **mainly** on the Argentinian side.

GLOSSARY

geographical	relating to the Earth and everything on it, such as mountains, rivers, etc. **geography** *n*
feature	an important part of something
located	in a place **location** *n*: *The house is in a lovely **location**.*
southern	connected with, in or from the *south* ALSO **northern**, **eastern**, **western**, plus **south-eastern**, **north-western**, etc.
divide	cut or separate sth into smaller parts
flow (of water)	move in a continuous way in one direction **flow** *v*
mostly	almost all SYN **mainly**

1 ***Yes* or *No*?**

▶ Are waterfalls usually on lakes? No
1 Can you swim up a waterfall? .....
2 Is the Alps a mountainous region? .....
3 Are deserts full of water? .....
4 Do rivers flow? .....
5 Do rivers sometimes divide? .....
6 Is a jungle like a desert? .....
7 Is *mainly* the same as *always*? .....
8 Does the location of something tell you where it is? .....

2 **Complete the text.**

Budapest is ▶ located in the **(1)** ..... part of Hungary. The River Danube **(2)** ..... through the city from the north, and **(3)** ..... the city into two parts: hilly Buda on the **(4)** ..... side and the much larger and flatter Pest on the **(5)** ..... side. The city has a population of nearly 2 million, which lives **(6)** ..... in Pest. The bridges and castles are two of the most famous **(7)** ..... of Budapest.



3 **Do this quiz.**

GEOGRAPHY QUIZ

▶ London is located on the south-eastern side of England.
1 The Amazon jungle is in ..... .
2 The River Nile flows through the continent of ..... .
3 The Alps is a mountainous region in the continent of ..... .
4 Niagara Falls is a series of three waterfalls on the border between ..... and ..... .
5 The Sahara is a desert in ..... .
6 Patagonia is in the southern part of ..... .
7 In 1993, Czechoslovakia was divided into two countries: the ..... Republic and ..... .
8 The Urals are an important geographical feature of western ..... .

4 ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY **What are some of the main geographical features in your country, and where are they located? Write your answer, or tell another student.**

TEST YOURSELF

LIVEWORKSHEETS

B The coast

Wanscombe, near the **port** of Padstow, has a lovely **bay**. Its **beach**[1] is **sandy** with a few **rocks**[2] quite near the **shore**. There's a **cliff**[3] behind the beach, and children often play in the **caves**[4] there.

At one end of the beach, there's a small **harbour**[5]. When the weather's bad and the sea is **rough**, it **protects** the **sailing boats**[6] from the high **waves**[7]. You can sometimes see large ships **on the horizon**[8].



GLOSSARY

port	a town or city that has a large area of water where ships load goods, etc; an area where ships stop to let goods and passengers on and off	**sandy**	covered in the white/yellow material you find in deserts and on beaches **sand** *n*
bay	a part of the coast where the land goes in to form a curve	**shore**	the land along the edge of the sea or a lake
		rough	A **rough** sea has big waves. OPP **calm**
		protect sb/sth (from sth)	keep sth/sb safe from sth **protection** *n*

5 **Find the end of each word.**

cave | rocksandysailingbayhorizonprotectportshorebeachwaveroughharboursandcliff

6 **Which words are being defined?**

▶ (of the sea) not calm — rough

1 the line in the distance between the land and the sky .....

2 a large piece of stone .....

3 the land at the edge of the sea where it meets the beach .....

4 a high area of rock near the sea .....

5 a place where ships or boats are kept and protected from the sea .....

6 an area of sand or small stones beside the sea where people sit and relax .....

7 a large hole in a cliff or under the ground .....

8 A type of boat you see in a harbour .....

7 **Complete the sentences.**

▶ It was a nice day, so we went to the beach.

1 When it's stormy, the sea gets very .....

2 A huge ..... hit the boat, and I almost fell out.

3 The harbour ..... the boats in bad weather.

4 Hamburg is a major ..... in Germany where about 9,000 ships call a year.

5 You have to climb down the ..... to get to the beach.

6 I looked out to sea and I could just see a boat on the .....

7 We didn't swim, but we walked along the ..... with our feet in the water.

8 The beach is great for children because it's ..... and they can play there safely.

8 ABOUT YOU **Do you often have holidays on the coast? Do you go to a particular bay? How do you get there? What's the beach like? Write your answers, or tell another student.**

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