

# 13 Geography

## A Geographical features



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.



desert



mountainous region (the Alps)



jungle (the Amazon)

### GLOSSARY

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

### 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.

▶ London is located on the south-eastern side of England.

### GEOGRAPHY QUIZ

- 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.





## B The coast

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

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



### 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

**bay** a part of the coast where the land goes in to form a curve

**sandy**

covered in the white/yellow material you find in deserts and on beaches **sand** *n*

**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
- 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

rough

### 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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