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## READING and VOCABULARY

## Amazing places to visit

I can find specific detail in a text and talk about culture.

- 1 WORD FRIENDS** Choose the word that does NOT fit in each sentence.

- 1 You look \_\_\_\_\_ ridiculous in that hat!  
☒ a very      b completely      c absolutely
- 2 My brother is \_\_\_\_\_ crazy!  
 a absolutely      b completely      c very
- 3 Sam is \_\_\_\_\_ good at English.  
 a very      b really      c totally
- 4 That lesson was \_\_\_\_\_ interesting.  
 a completely      b quite      c really
- 5 This place is \_\_\_\_\_ amazing!  
 a quite      b absolutely      c totally
- 6 It's usually \_\_\_\_\_ cold here in winter.  
 a really      b quite      c totally

- 2** Read the forum posts. Match headings 1-4 with posts A-D.

- 1 ☐ Extreme heat
- 2 ☐ On top of the world
- 3 ☐ River adventure
- 4 ☐ A wild place close to home

- 3** Read the texts again. Match people 1-5 with phrases a-f to make true sentences. There is one extra phrase.

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Max  | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Paul's uncle |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Emma | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Paul         |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Sara |                                         |
- a lives in a place where there are sometimes natural disasters.
  - b was happy with the weather during a trip.
  - c enjoyed a very active holiday.
  - d had a problem while on a trip.
  - e wants to travel to a place that a relative visited.
  - f enjoyed learning about the history of a place.

## WILD PLACES

There are hundreds of amazing places to visit in the world. Tell us about your experiences!



**A** Last summer I went to Tibet with my family. We were in a very wild area high up in the Himalayas. It was a walking holiday, so we walked and climbed every day – sometimes up to over 4,000 metres! It's really beautiful in the summer, but in winter it's very dangerous because there's a lot of snow and there's always a possibility of avalanches. The local people believe that human-like creatures called yeti live in the mountains, but we didn't see any! **Max**

**B** I live in the town of Moteuka in New Zealand, near the Abel Tasman National Park. The park is named after Abel Tasman, one of the first Europeans to reach New Zealand. It's an amazing wild place. There are forests where you can walk and camp, and some absolutely stunning beaches. I swam in the sea last week and it was really warm. Winter is quite mild and summer isn't too hot. There are a lot of earthquakes in New Zealand, but they aren't usually very bad in this area. **Emma**

**C** In July I travelled to Death Valley in the USA. It's a very dry place, with almost no rain for most of the year, so there aren't many plants. It's absolutely boiling in summer, with temperatures over fifty degrees! We learned about what life was like here in the past – that was absolutely fascinating. The first Europeans who arrived called it Death Valley because without water, you can't live there for very long! **Sara**

**D** My uncle went on an adventure holiday to South America last year. He travelled by boat through the rainforest of Brazil. He went in July, so it was really hot, but there wasn't too much rain because it was the dry season – he was pleased about that! He saw some really colourful birds and monkeys too. He didn't see any dangerous animals though. The photos he took are absolutely amazing! Some people still live a traditional life in the forest. Scientists are trying to learn from them how to use all the plants in the forest as medicines. I'd love to go there one day! **Paul**

