Lesson 2 Reading comprehension

1 Read the text on Pupil's Book pages 22–23 again. Circle the correct words to complete the sentences.



Some people think this map is [1] **open-minded** / **upside-down**. This is because on maps, north is usually at the [2] **top** / **bottom**. The reason for this is that early [3] **European** / **Australian** sailors used the North Star to [4] **navigate** / **sail** and they believed that where they lived was the centre of the world. Like them, we sometimes think the history of our own country is more important than the history of other places in the world. This [5] **progress** / **attitude** is narrow-minded because we [6] **succeed** / **fail** to see that every country plays a part in world history. This is shown by some facts that sometimes surprise Europeans:

- The first university in the world was in [7] **Morocco** / **Italy**.
- The [8] **Italians** / **Chinese** produced the first long, thin pasta in the world.
- The numbers we use (1, 2, 3, etc.) come from [9] **Europe** / **India**.

2 Match to make sentences summarising the text.

1	Maps usually	**a**	our own country first.
2	An Australian made an upside-down map	**b**	people there thought it was the most important place.
3	North is at the top of maps because	**c**	show north at the top.
4	Europe is in the centre of maps because	**d**	to see how important progress in other countries is.
5	In history, we study	**e**	to show that north doesn't need to be at the top.
6	This can sometimes mean we fail	**f**	early sailors used the North Star to guide them.

Working with words

3 Add the suffix *-ous* to make the nouns into adjectives. Then complete the sentences with the correct adjectives.

humour	adventure	~~fame~~	courage	danger	mountain

1 She's a very famous actress. She's been in lots of films.
2 My uncle tells lots of jokes. He's really _____.
3 Don't be so scared – you should be more _____.
4 Take care when you're cycling. It can be _____.
5 I wouldn't be a good explorer. I'm not _____ enough.
6 The place where we go skiing is very _____.

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