

Vocabulary

1 Read the text and decide which answer (a, b or c) best fits each gap.

Hi Jacques,

I'm writing this postcard in Meghalaya in India! It's the wettest place in the world – it gets a lot of (0) a ! Yesterday when we arrived it was hot and (1) _____. We were told that the (2) _____ was 32°C. This morning, when I looked out of my window I couldn't see anything because there was (3) _____ everywhere – it was like the (4) _____ disappeared during the night! It was beautiful, but also a little (5) _____. This afternoon we are going to Shillong. It's hot and quite (6) _____ outdoors now, so we will probably get a few (7) _____. That's very (8) _____ here. That's OK. We want to see Ward's (9) _____. I don't think we'll swim there, but we can feed the fish. Oh Jacques, what a country – there's music everywhere, music made by the thousands of (10) _____ – birds and insects – that live in this strange and wonderful place!

Bye for now!

Raj

- 0 a rain
- 1 a frosty
- 2 a desert
- 3 a sun
- 4 a ground
- 5 a weird
- 6 a frosty
- 7 a deserts
- 8 a sunny
- 9 a Desert
- 10 a creatures

- b rainy
- b sunny
- b thunder
- b mist
- b earthquake
- b stormy
- b snowy
- b flashes
- b common
- b Thunderstorm
- b showers

- c foggy
- c snowy
- c temperature
- c wind
- c thunder
- c common
- c cloudy
- c showers
- c stormy
- c Lake
- c flashes

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2 Match the words with their definitions.

- 0 beach f
- 1 desert _____
- 2 ice _____
- 3 lightning _____
- 4 shower _____
- 5 mountain _____
- 6 creature _____
- 7 thunder _____
- 8 forest _____
- 9 earthquake _____
- 10 ground _____

- a a living thing (animal, insect)
- b a very high place
- c a big flash of light during a storm
- d a place with lots of trees
- e when it rains for a short time
- f the land near the sea
- g the floor under your feet
- h frozen water
- i place where it doesn't often rain
- j the sound we hear after a flash of lightning
- k when the ground shakes

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3 Use the words in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

- 0 It's misty over the mountains in the early morning. **MIST**
- 1 It's very _____ outside; it's going to rain. **CLOUD**
- 2 It's _____; I can't see the ground! **FOG**
- 3 Tomorrow, we'll have a hot _____ day. **SUN**
- 4 In the south of England, it will be a _____ night. **FROST**
- 5 It's often wet and _____ in the north of Canada. **STORM**
- 6 What a horrible _____ day – we can't go out. **RAIN**
- 7 It's so _____ that my papers flew all over the garden. **WIND**
- 8 The mountains were _____ and the river was frozen. **SNOW**

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Grammar

1 Choose the correct word.

- 0 The / A sky is dark today. I think it's going to rain.
- 1 Brazil is a / **an** country in South America.
- 2 I hope there aren't **some** / **any** strange creatures under my bed!
- 3 The animals in the Galapagos Islands **are** / **is** weird!
- 4 Don't you think the platypus is **the** / **an** amazing animal?
- 5 I have **some** / **a** knowledge of Australian history, but not much.
- 6 I would love to see **the** / **a** River Amazon.
- 7 Oh, no! I've lost **any** / **the** money for the tickets!

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