

Reading

12b Exploring the Earth

Reading and vocabulary land and water

- 1 Which is your favorite place on Earth? Why? Tell the class.
- 2 Read the article. Answer the questions.
 - 1 Which unexplored places are in water and which on land?
 - 2 Which place would you like to explore? Why?
- 3 Complete this table with words from the article.

areas of water	areas of land
sea	desert
o_____	i_____
l_____	f_____
r_____	m_____

- 4 Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.
 - 1 How many of these geographic places from Exercise 3 are in (or near) your country?
 - 2 Which have you visited?



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We think humans have traveled everywhere on Earth. But here are five places where no human has ever been.

The Black Hole of Andros is on an island in the Bahamas in the Atlantic Ocean. The hole is 154 feet (47m) deep, and the water is 36 °C and very black. Nobody has ever swum in it.

Mount Dimpernalason is east of the Himalayan mountains. It isn't the highest mountain (Mount Everest is), but nobody has ever climbed it.

Lake Vostok in Antarctica is 25 million years old and covers 5,405 square miles (14,000k²). Unfortunately, you can't see the lake because it's frozen under a glacier.

The Merume Mountains are at the end of the Mazaruni River in Guyana. The journey by boat is dangerous so nobody has explored many of these mountains.

The Foja Mountains in Papua New Guinea are covered in tropical forest. Nobody has ever made a map of the region.