

# 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 Dinpernalason** 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 (14,000k<sup>2</sup>). 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.