7 Read about Costa Rica. Then do the exercises.

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A Vacation Hot Spot!



I'm writing to you today about a terrific vacation "hot spot," Costa Rica. Costa Rica is a truly beautiful place. It's also very interesting because it has a lot of active volcanoes.

Last week, I visited the Irazú Volcano National Park. It's near the capital, San José. The drive to the volcano was beautiful. We saw many pretty towns on the way. Finally we got to the park and drove up the volcano. The area around the volcano looked like the moon! The volcano has several craters. In one crater, we saw a lake of bright green water. We saw hot steam coming out the side of the crater.

Irazú is very tall, 3,432 meters (11,260 feet). From Irazú, on a sunny day, you can see the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans at the same time. The day we were there it was cloudy, but the sun finally came out. I looked one way, and I saw the Pacific. Then I looked the other way and saw the Atlantic. It was amazing!

We left the park and had lunch at a restaurant called *Linda Vista*. That means "beautiful view." That's a very good name because the view is beautiful. Our typical Costa Rican food was delicious.

More about Costa Rica next week.

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A Number the sentences in the correct order.

____ 1. We had lunch.

____ 2. The sun finally came out.

____ 3. The food was delicious.

1 4. We saw many pretty towns.

____ 5. I saw the Pacific!

____ 6. We saw a lake of bright green water.

B Match each word with its meaning.

1. hot spot	b	a. a mountain with a hole in the top
2. volcano	____	✓b. a very popular place
3. steam	____	c. what you see from a certain place
4. view	____	d. a hot gas that comes from hot water

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