

7 Extreme Situations

Vocabulary

Prepositions

A Circle the correct prepositions to complete the phrases.

- 1 **between** / **about** the same size
- 2 the top **of** / **to** the mountain
- 3 **over** / **along** 32 degrees Celsius
- 4 **onto** / **in** a desert
- 5 **below** / **under** freezing
- 6 **in** / **on** the planet
- 7 runs **across** / **of**
- 8 **over** / **above** sea level
- 9 **during** / **over** the years
- 10 **behind** / **in** the water

B Choose the correct answers.

River deep, mountain high!

From the top of the highest mountain to the bottom of the sea, the world is full of extremes. Let's take a look at some of the most amazing ones.

With temperatures well (1) freezing and very strong winds, a mountain top is an extreme place to be! The tallest mountain (2) the planet is, of course, Mount Everest. Its peak rises 8,850 metres (3) sea level. (4) the years, 1,200 people have made the long, lonely climb to the top of Everest!

The Sahara Desert is in North Africa and is (5) the same size as the USA! With so much sun and very little rain, summer temperatures there are often (6) 32° Celsius. The hottest temperature ever recorded on earth was in the Sahara, when the temperature reached 58° Celsius!

The Amazon is one of the longest rivers in the world. It begins in the mountains of Peru, goes (7) South America and ends at the Atlantic Ocean. If you ever go on a journey to the Amazon, be very careful! As well as the lovely pink dolphins there are also some horrible creatures (8) the water, including flesh-eating piranha!

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| 1 a after | b below | c besides |
| 2 a on | b at | c of |
| 3 a among | b along | c above |
| 4 a in | b Over | c Down |
| 5 a about | b between | c opposite |
| 6 a toward | b outside | c over |
| 7 a behind | b across | c onto |
| 8 a in | b outside | c above |

Collocations & Expressions

C Match the words to make collocations.

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| 1 keep | a lost |
| 2 do | b missing |
| 3 get | c calm |
| 4 go | d someone's life |
| 5 save | e on a journey |
| 6 go | f your best |

D Complete sentences 1–6 with collocations from C.

- 1 Everyone should their at school.
- 2 You must wear a lifejacket when you're on a boat. It might your .
- 3 Try to if you are in a dangerous situation.
- 4 Take a map with you. You don't want to .
- 5 Many people every year while out walking in the mountains.
- 6 I'll to the Amazon next year when I've saved up enough money.



Ideas Focus

- Do you agree with these statements? Why? / Why not?
 - It's always better to keep calm in extreme situations.
 - I think climbing Mount Everest would be easy.
 - Life in the desert must be quite difficult.