

READING

Son Doong — The World's Largest Cave



Son Doong is a cave in Quang Binh province, Viet Nam. It's not a normal cave. It's the world's largest one and has a jungle inside! A local farmer named Ho Khanh first found the small opening to the cave in 1991. There was a strong, cool wind and the sound of water coming out of the opening. He walked into it. The space felt very big. After walking a while, he stopped and went back to his village.

Khanh forgot where the opening was. No one thought Khanh's story of the cave was true. Then in 2009, Khanh and some scientists finally found the cave again. They went inside and were very surprised. They found a large underground river! They also found a jungle! Were the river and jungle outside of the cave? No! They were inside it!

Tourists can now visit the cave, but it's not easy! If you want to visit the world's largest cave, you need to climb down ropes, cross rivers, climb up walls, and get very muddy!



1 Read and write. Use the words from the word box.

To visit the Son Doong, you have to climb down a rope from the

(1) opening to get down to the (2) _____ river.

After you cross the river, you'll walk within a very big

(3) _____. You will get very (4) _____!

It is not an easy trip for most (5) _____.

underground
opening
 tourists
 jungle
 muddy

2 Read the text in the Student Book. Fill in the correct circle.

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| 1 What is the reading about? | 2 What caused the noise coming from the cave? |
| (A) the world's biggest cave <input checked="" type="radio"/> | (A) the wind <input type="radio"/> |
| (B) Ho Khanh and his family <input type="radio"/> | (B) a river <input type="radio"/> |
| (C) an interesting vacation <input type="radio"/> | (C) animals <input type="radio"/> |
| 3 What can't tourists do in the cave? | 4 When Khanh and the scientists went inside they were surprised because... |
| (A) climb up and down <input type="radio"/> | (A) they found a village. <input type="radio"/> |
| (B) cross rivers <input type="radio"/> | (B) they found a river. <input type="radio"/> |
| (C) relax <input type="radio"/> | (C) they found a beach. <input type="radio"/> |

3 Read the text in the Student Book. Write one word to complete the sentence.

- 1 Son Doong is the world's biggest cave.
- 2 Ho Khanh found the opening of the cave in _____.
- 3 In 2009, some _____ finally found the cave again.
- 4 _____ can now visit the cave, but it's not an easy vacation.