3 Read the text. Match texts (1–4) with photos (A–D).

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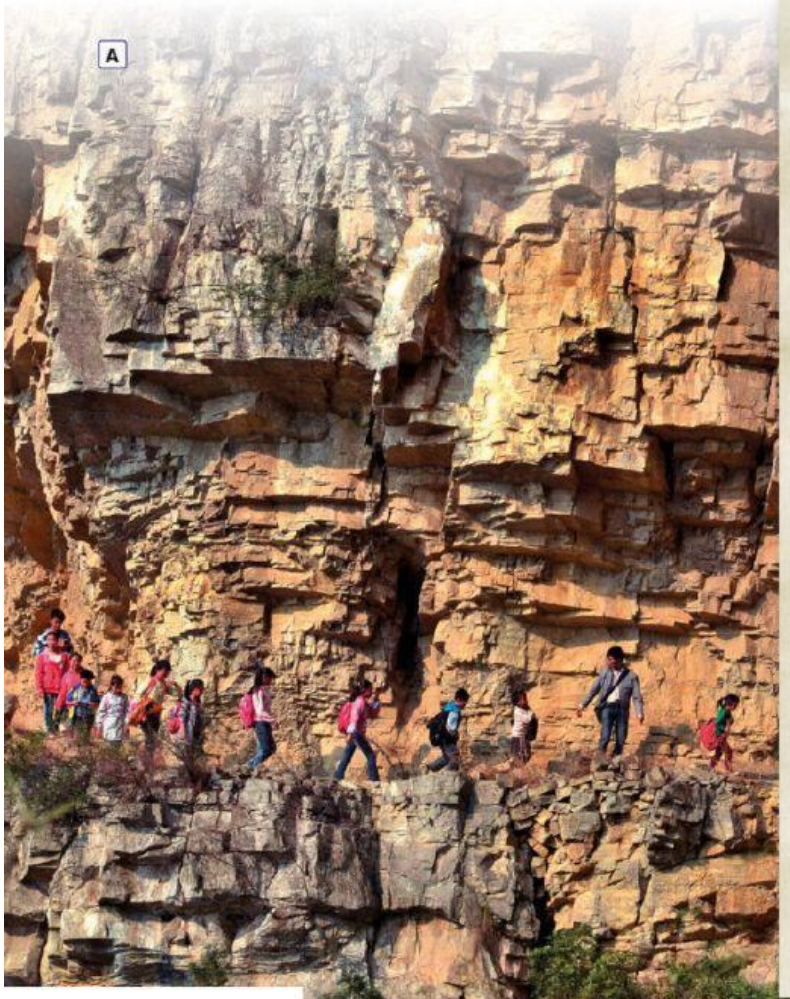
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4 Read the Reading Strategy. Then match sentences (A–G) with texts (1–4).

Which group of children ...

A sometimes put a family member inside a bag?
B cannot use the bridge across the river?
C travel very fast?
D have to swim across a river?
E have to walk along a dangerous path?
F have a long walk as part of their journey to school?
G travel to school with their head teacher?



The School run

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How dangerous is your journey to school? Perhaps you have to walk across a busy road or ride your bike in traffic. But in general, your journey is probably safe. For some children, it's very different ...

1 Banpo Elementary School in China is on a mountain. The path to school is very narrow and dangerous. The children have to walk in a line. When they meet somebody, they have to stand against the mountain while the person passes. For the parents, it is very worrying. Fortunately, the head teacher of the school walks with the children every morning.

2 A group of children in Sumatra, Indonesia, have to cross a wide river every morning on their way to school. The bridge across the river is broken, so about 20 children have to walk across a rope. The rope is ten metres above the water. After that, they have to walk ten kilometres through the jungle! And of course, at the end of the school day, they have to do the same journey again on their way home.

3 Students in Minh Hoa in Vietnam have to cross a river on their way to and from school every day. There are no bridges or boats, so the children swim. They put their books and clothes in large plastic bags so they do not get wet. The bags also help the children to stay safe in the water (the water is 20 metres deep). When they reach the other side, they take their dry clothes out of the bag and put them on.

4 Near Bogotá, the capital of Colombia, some children have to cross a large valley to get to school. At the bottom of the valley is the Rio Negro, a huge river. There is only one way to cross the valley: on a zip wire. That's a metal rope, 800 metres long and 400 metres above the river. The journey is very fast. In fact, it only takes about one minute! Small children cannot travel across the valley alone, so their brother or sister puts them in a bag!

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6 VOCABULARY Find these words in the text. Then match them with the pictures below.

In the wilderness boat bridge jungle mountain path river rope valley

















7 Complete the questions about the text using the question words below.

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1 In _____ country is Banpo Elementary School?
2 _____ walks with the children on the mountain path?
3 _____ high is the rope across the river in Sumatra?
4 _____ children have to walk across the rope?
5 _____ is Minh Hoa?
6 _____ do the children in Minh Hoa have to swim across the river?
7 _____ is the name of the river near Bogotá?

8 SPEAKING answer the questions in exercise 7.

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