

Crash % I PartSpeakout Pre-IntermediateUnit 9MockDICTATION1. Listen and write down the sentences you hear.

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____

LISTENING COMPREHENSION2. Listen to the conversation between a customer and a shop assistant and complete the notes.**Techno Kings 3D printers****Printer 1:** ¹ M2Made in: ² _____.

Good quality / strong frame.

Weight: ³ _____ kg.Speed: ⁴ _____ mm per second.Cost: ⁵ _____.**Printer 2:** ⁶ _____.

Made in: The USA.

Weight: 18 kg

Prints ⁷ _____ colours/materials at once.Max. speed: ⁸ _____ mm per second.Cost: ⁹ _____.**Opening hours:**

Mon-Sat: 9a.m.-6p.m.

Sundays: ¹⁰ _____.Website: ¹¹ _____.VOCABULARY3. Complete the names of natural places.

- 1 The Yangtze is the longest r i v e r in Asia.
- 2 The deepest l _ _ _ in the world is Baikal in Siberia.
- 3 The Andes is the world's longest mountain r _ _ _ _.
- 4 Angel Falls in Venezuela is the world's highest w _ _ _ _ _ _ _.
- 5 The Amazon r _ _ _ _ _ _ _ is getting smaller every year because of deforestation.
- 6 The world's driest d _ _ _ _ is the Atacama in Chile.
- 7 The Pacific is the largest o _ _ _ _ in the world.

4. Rearrange the letters and complete the sentences.

- 1 Kirsty likes travelling to wild (lidw) places.
- 2 Some people like cities but I prefer living in a _____ (rrlau) area. *It's more relaxing.*
- 3 Yellowstone is a famous _____ (nalonita) park in the USA. *It is a great place for camping.*
- 4 You can find out all about the local trees and animals at the _____ (liwfiled) centre.
- 5 On Saturdays they go to the beach. They love being in the _____ (hersf) air.
- 6 Many people visit this part of the country because it is an area of _____ (laranut) beauty.
- 7 What is the largest _____ (ractipol) rain forest?
- 8 This map shows all the _____ (erighagcaop) features of this area.
- 9 There is a lot of _____ (lautufeib) scenery here.
- 10 It is very exciting to sleep _____ (rotosudo).
- 11 Mount Vesuvius in Italy and Eyjafjallajökull in Iceland are both famous _____ (sloocvena).

GRAMMAR

5. Complete the sentences with the comparative or superlative form of the words in brackets.

- 1 The population of the world is bigger (+ big) than it was ten years ago.
- 2 Some cities are _____ (- pollute) now than they used to be.
- 3 Travelling by car is _____ (+ cheap) than travelling by plane.
- 4 What's _____ (+ beautiful) place you've been to?
- 5 The cheetah is one of _____ (+ fast) animals in the world.
- 6 Some scientists say that the Amazon River is _____ (+ long) than the Nile.
- 7 Sea levels are getting _____ (+ high) because the ice is melting fast.
- 8 They're _____ (+ nice) people you can meet.

9 Junk food is _____ (- healthy) thing you can eat.

10 The roads are _____ (+ noisy) and _____ (+ dangerous) these days.

6. Complete the sentences with *a/an, the* or – (no article).

1 They saw a large eagle in the sky.

2 I'm really frightened of _____ snakes.

3 Camels can go without water for _____ weeks.

4 We looked out of _____ window and saw _____ pig in _____ street.

5 She's travelled round _____ Latin America but has never visited _____ USA.

6 What's _____ nicest place you have been to?

7 I often look at _____ moon at _____ night.

READING COMPREHENSION

7. Complete the article with sentences a)–f).

¹ d One example is Ashley Kerekes from Massachusetts, America. She became famous after her boyfriend gave her the Twitter name of @theashes. ² _____. They certainly didn't understand why Ashley was receiving so many messages about cricket. She also had a lot of followers on Twitter, which she found strange.

³ _____. She had no idea what this was, so she looked it up. She then found out that The Ashes is a cricket competition between England and Australia, which takes place every year.

⁴ _____. In the end, she decided to send a simple tweet, which said that she wasn't a cricket match. Her message became an internet hit and made her famous. ⁵ _____. She had a great time there and loved watching the match.

⁶ _____. She has now become a cricket fan herself and thinks many more Americans will play cricket in the future.

a) In fact, she became so famous that the Australian airline, Qantas, gave her a free flight to Sydney, Australia to see The Ashes.

b) As they were not cricket fans, Ashley and her boyfriend had no idea what her Twitter name meant.

c) Gradually Ashley's online following grew and she received hundreds of tweets from cricket fans.

d) These days, it is possible to become famous for something as simple as your online name.

e) She enjoyed it so much that after the competition she decided to learn more about the game.

f) Something she noticed was that many of the messages were about an event called 'The Ashes'.

WRITING PRODUCTION

8. Write about your favourite natural place. Explain why you like it and what activities you would like to do there. Write between 50-100 words.
