

13 Geography

A Geographical features



One of the most important **geographical features** in South America is the Iguazu Falls, which are the **waterfalls** of the Iguazu River. They are **located** on the border between Argentina and Brazil in the **southern** part of South America. The falls **divide** the river into the upper and lower Iguazu. The river **flows** mostly through Brazil, but the falls are **mainly** on the Argentinian side.



desert



mountainous region (the Alps)



jungle (the Amazon)

GLOSSARY

geographical	relating to the Earth and everything on it, such as mountains, rivers, etc. geography <i>n</i>
feature	an important part of something
located	in a place location <i>n</i> : The house is in a lovely location .
southern	connected with, in or from the south ALSO northern, eastern, western , plus south-eastern, north-western , etc.
divide	cut or separate sth into smaller parts
flow (of water)	move in a continuous way in one direction flow <i>v</i>
mostly	almost all SYN mainly

1 Yes or No?

- ▶ Are waterfalls usually on lakes? No
- 1 Can you swim up a waterfall?
- 2 Is the Alps a mountainous region?
- 3 Are deserts full of water?
- 4 Do rivers flow?
- 5 Do rivers sometimes divide?
- 6 Is a jungle like a desert?
- 7 Is **mainly** the same as **always**?
- 8 Does the location of something tell you where it is?

2 Complete the text.

Budapest is ▶ located in the (1) part of Hungary. The River Danube (2) through the city from the north, and (3) the city into two parts: hilly Buda on the (4) side and the much larger and flatter Pest on the (5) side. The city has a population of nearly 2 million, which lives (6) in Pest. The bridges and castles are two of the most famous (7) of Budapest.



3 Do this quiz.

▶ London is located on the south-eastern side of England.

GEOGRAPHY QUIZ

- 1 The Amazon jungle is in
- 2 The River Nile flows through the continent of
- 3 The Alps is a mountainous region in the continent of
- 4 Niagara Falls is a series of three waterfalls on the border between and
- 5 The Sahara is a desert in
- 6 Patagonia is in the southern part of
- 7 In 1993, Czechoslovakia was divided into two countries: the Republic and
- 8 The Urals are an important geographical feature of western

4 ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY What are some of the main geographical features in your country, and where are they located? Write your answer, or tell another student.



TEST YOURSELF

B The coast

Wanscombe, near the **port** of Padstow, has a lovely **bay**. Its **beach**¹ is **sandy** with a few **rocks**² quite near the **shore**. There's a **cliff**³ behind the beach, and children often play in the **caves**⁴ there.

At one end of the beach, there's a small **harbour**⁵. When the weather's bad and the sea is **rough**, it **protects** the **sailing boats**⁶ from the high **waves**⁷. You can sometimes see large ships **on the horizon**⁸.



GLOSSARY

port a town or city that has a large area of water where ships load goods, etc; an area where ships stop to let goods and passengers on and off

bay a part of the coast where the land goes in to form a curve

sandy

covered in the white/yellow material you find in deserts and on beaches **sand** *n*

shore

the land along the edge of the sea or a lake

rough

A **rough** sea has big waves. **OPP** **calm**

protect sb/sth
(from sth)

keep sth/sb safe from sth **protection** *n*

5 Find the end of each word.

cave | rocksandysailingbayhorizonprotectportshorebeachwaveroughharboursandcliff

6 Which words are being defined?

► (of the sea) not calm

1 the line in the distance between the land and the sky

2 a large piece of stone

3 the land at the edge of the sea where it meets the beach

4 a high area of rock near the sea

5 a place where ships or boats are kept and protected from the sea

6 an area of sand or small stones beside the sea where people sit and relax

7 a large hole in a cliff or under the ground

8 A type of boat you see in a harbour

rough

7 Complete the sentences.

► It was a nice day, so we went to the beach.

1 When it's stormy, the sea gets very

2 A huge hit the boat, and I almost fell out.

3 The harbour the boats in bad weather.

4 Hamburg is a major in Germany where about 9,000 ships call a year.

5 You have to climb down the to get to the beach.

6 I looked out to sea and I could just see a boat on the

7 We didn't swim, but we walked along the with our feet in the water.

8 The beach is great for children because it's and they can play there safely.

8 ABOUT YOU Do you often have holidays on the coast? Do you go to a particular bay? How do you get there? What's the beach like? Write your answers, or tell another student.



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