

Chapter 32

Natural Gifts

Our world is full of natural wonders. Read about some of them below. Then fill in the blanks with the correct words :

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_____ Mountains are the longest continental mountain range in the world, forming a continuous highland along the western edge of South America. The range is 8,900 km (5,530 mi) long and 200 to 700 km (124 to 435 mi) wide (widest between 18°S and 20°S latitude) and has an average height of about 4,000 m (13,123 ft).

2



At 6,194m (20,320 ft), _____ is the highest peak in North America, named after the 25th US President, it is sacred to the native Americans, and known as 'Denali' or "The High One". This mountain has not one but two snow-capped summits.

3



The most symmetrical of volcanic cone mountains, _____ is a Japanese icon, worshipped as the abode of the gods. Located about 100km from Tokyo, the mountain stands at 3,776m above sea level.

4



Famous as the _____, the smoke that thunders (mosi-oa-tunya') on River Zambezi forms the boundary between Zambia and Zimbabwe in Africa. Its curtain of mist rises 300m and can be seen 40km away.

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The grand canyon in perhaps the biggest hole on earth carved over millions of years by the _____ river, it is a magnificent sight.

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The amazing rock formation of _____, Turkey, is a series of dazzling white terraces resembling a frozen waterfall which descend down a hillside for 90 m (300ft). The tiers are the result of hot springs bubbling up at the top of the hill, flowing down, cooling and crystallizing. The spring water, which can be as hot as 43°C, has been famous for its curative properties since Roman times.





Precycling over Cape Town, South Africa, is the impressive _____. Its main feature is a level plateau measuring 3 km from end to end, surrounded by steep cliffs.



_____, known as Ayers Rock, is sacred to the Aborigines of Australia. This mountain is visible from 100 km away the sacred mountain magically changes colour at different times of day.



The mighty _____ is the largest river on earth. Snaking through luxuriant rainforests, the river flows for 6,500 km before merging with the Atlantic ocean. On an average, over 105 billion litres of water per minute flow into the sea from the river. This volume of water is so great that it dilutes the salinity of the sea water for more than 160km offshore.



Towering majestically over the African landscape, _____ lies on the border between Tanzania and Kenya.



Mt. Kilimanjaro, Amazon, Table Mountain, Pamukkale, Victoria Falls, Uluru, Mt. Fuji, Mt. McKinley, Colorado, Andes

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