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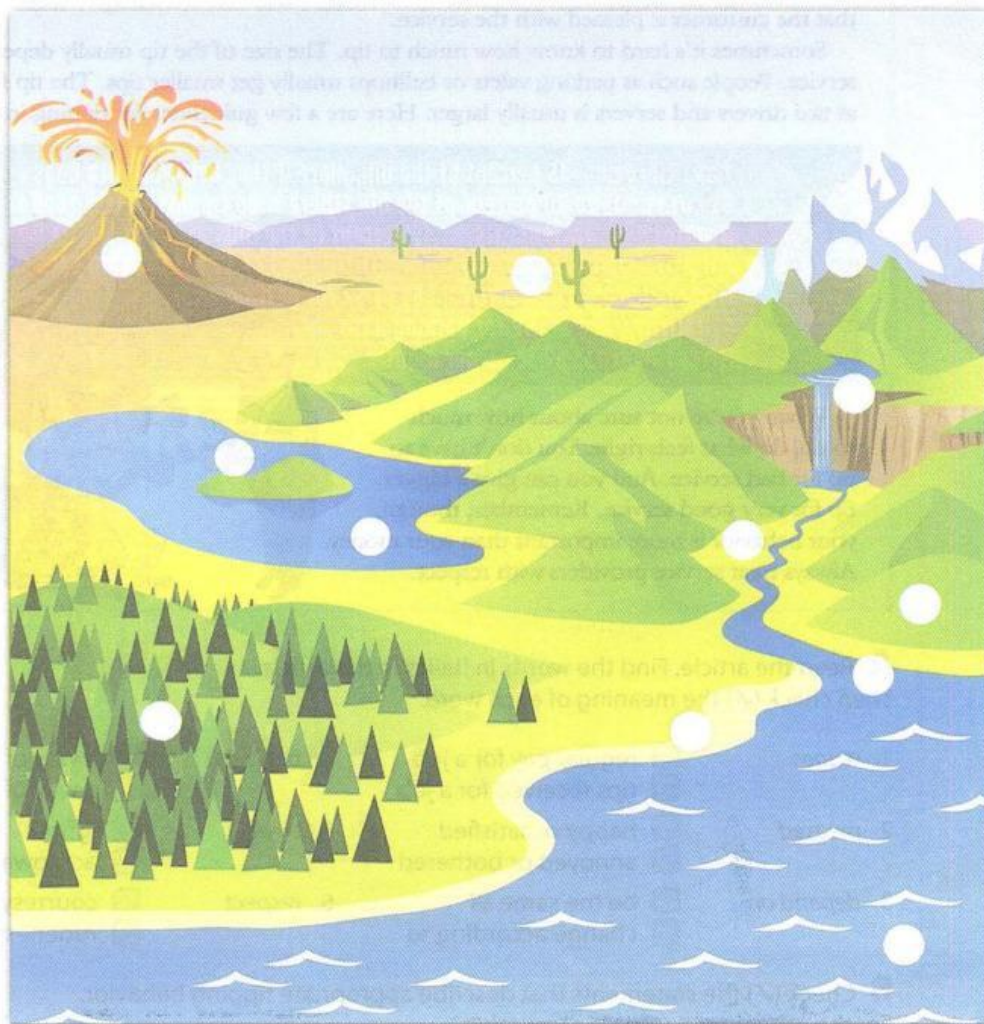
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WORD POWER Geography

A Label the picture with words from the list. Then compare with a partner.

- a. beach
- b. desert
- c. forest
- d. hill
- e. island
- f. lake
- g. mountain
- h. ocean
- i. river
- j. valley
- k. volcano
- l. waterfall



B PAIR WORK What other geography words can you think of? Do you see any of them in the picture above?

C GROUP WORK Try to think of famous examples for each item in part A.

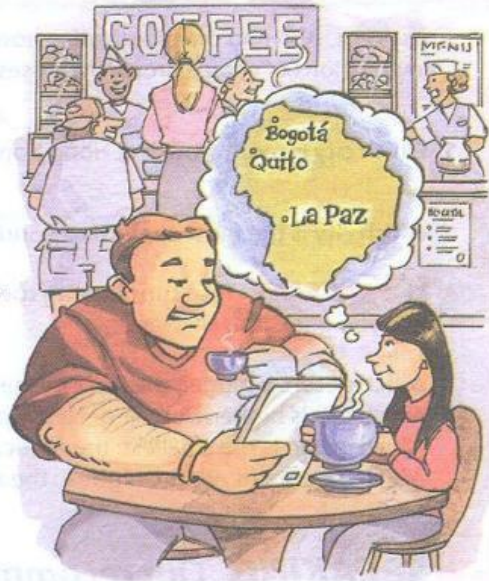
A: A famous beach is Waikiki in Hawaii.

B: And the Sahara is a famous...

2 CONVERSATION Which is larger?

A Listen and practice.

- Mike: Here's an interesting geography quiz.
 Wendy: Oh, I love geography. Ask me the questions.
 Mike: Sure, first question. Which country is larger, China or Canada?
 Wendy: I know. Canada is larger than China.
 Mike: OK, next. What's the longest river in the Americas?
 Wendy: Hmm, I think it's the Mississippi.
 Mike: Here's a hard one. Which country is more crowded, Monaco or Singapore?
 Wendy: I'm not sure. I think Monaco is more crowded.
 Mike: OK, one more. Which South American capital city is the highest: La Paz, Quito, or Bogotá?
 Wendy: Oh, that's easy. Bogotá is the highest.



B Listen to the rest of the conversation. How many questions did Wendy get right?

3 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Comparisons with adjectives

Which country is **larger**, Canada or China?
 Canada is **larger than** China.

Which city has **the largest** population:
 Tokyo, Mexico City, or São Paulo?
 Tokyo has **the largest** population of the three.

What is **the most beautiful** mountain in the world?
 I think Mount Fuji is **the most beautiful**.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
long	longer	the longest
dry	drier	the driest
big	bigger	the biggest
famous	more famous	the most famous
beautiful	more beautiful	the most beautiful
good	better	the best
bad	worse	the worst

A Complete questions 1 to 4 with comparatives and questions 5 to 8 with superlatives. Then ask and answer the questions.

- Which country is , Monaco or Vatican City? (small)
- Which waterfall is , Niagara Falls or Victoria Falls? (high)
- Which city is , Hong Kong or Cairo? (crowded)
- Which lake is , the Caspian Sea or Lake Superior? (large)
- Which is : Mount Aconcagua, Mount Everest, or Mount Fuji? (high)
- What is river in the world, the Mekong, the Nile, or the Amazon? (long)
- Which city is : London, Tokyo, or Moscow? (expensive)
- What is ocean in the world, the Pacific, the Atlantic, or the Arctic? (deep)

B CLASS ACTIVITY Write four questions like those in part A about your country or other countries. Then ask your questions around the class.

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4 PRONUNCIATION Questions of choice

A Listen and practice. Notice how the intonation in questions of choice drops, then rises, and then drops.

Which city is more crowded, Hong Kong or Cairo?

Which city is the most expensive: London, Tokyo, or Moscow?

B PAIR WORK Take turns asking these questions. Pay attention to your intonation. Can you guess the answers?

Which desert is bigger, the Gobi or the Sahara?

Which city is higher, Denver or New Orleans?

Which ocean is the smallest: the Arctic, the Indian, or the Atlantic?

Which mountains are the highest: the Alps, the Rockies, or the Himalayas?

5 SPEAKING Our recommendations

GROUP WORK Imagine these people are planning to visit your country. What would they enjoy doing? Agree on a recommendation for each person.

 Molly "I really like quiet places where I can relax, hike, and enjoy the views. I can't stand big crowds."	 Rod "I love to eat in nice restaurants, go dancing, and stay out late at night. I don't like small towns."	 Teresa "My favorite activity is shopping. I love to buy gifts to take home. I don't like modern shopping malls."
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A: Molly should go to ... because it has the best views in the country, and it's very quiet.

B: Or what about ... ? I think the views there are more beautiful.

C: She also likes to hike, so ...

6 LISTENING Game show

Listen to three people on a TV game show. Check (✓) the correct answers.

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| 1. ☐ the Statue of Liberty | 3. ☐ gold | 5. ☐ India |
| ☐ the Eiffel Tower | ☐ butter | ☐ Russia |
| ☐ the Panama Canal | ☐ feathers | ☐ China |
| 2. ☐ Niagara Falls | 4. ☐ the U.S. | 6. ☐ Australia |
| ☐ Angel Falls | ☐ China | ☐ Argentina |
| ☐ Victoria Falls | ☐ Canada | ☐ Brazil |



7 INTERCHANGE 14 How much do you know?

You probably know more than you think! Take a quiz.
Go to Interchange 14 on page 129.

8 SNAPSHOT

The World We Live In

- France is the most popular country to visit. It has about 78 million visitors a year.
- The most-watched World Cup was in the United States in 1994. It had an average attendance of 70,000 fans a day.
- The largest clock is in Mecca, Saudi Arabia. Each of its four faces is 43 meters (141 feet).
- The busiest airport in the world is Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, in Atlanta, Georgia, United States. It has more than 88 million passengers a year.
- *Avatar* is the most popular movie ever. It has made more than \$2.4 billion.
- The longest nonstop flight is from New York to Singapore. It's 18.5 hours long.
- Antarctica is the largest desert on earth at 14 million square kilometers (5.4 million square miles). It's also the coldest, windiest continent.
- The highest price for a book at an auction is \$11.5 million for *Birds of America* by John Audubon.
- The strongest animal is the rhinoceros beetle. It can lift 850 times its own weight.

Source: *The Top 10 of Everything*; www.extremescience.com

Which facts do you find surprising?

What's the tallest building in your country? the most popular city to visit?
the busiest airport?

9 CONVERSATION Distances and measurements

A Listen and practice.

Scott: I'm going to Australia next year. Aren't you from Australia, Beth?

Beth: Actually, I'm from New Zealand.

Scott: Oh, I didn't know that. So what's it like there?

Beth: Oh, it's beautiful. There are lots of farms, and it's very mountainous.

Scott: Really? How high are the mountains?

Beth: Well, the highest one is Mount Cook. It's about 3,800 meters high.

Scott: Wow! So how far is New Zealand from Australia?

Beth: Well, I live in Auckland, and Auckland is about 2,000 kilometers from Sydney.

Scott: Maybe I should visit you next year, too!

Mount Cook



B Listen to the rest of the conversation.
What else is New Zealand famous for?

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10 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Questions with how

How far is New Zealand from Australia?	It's about 2,000 kilometers.	(1,200 miles)
How big is Singapore?	It's 710 square kilometers.	(274 square miles)
How high is Mount Cook?	It's 3,740 meters high .	(12,250 feet)
How deep is the Grand Canyon?	It's about 1,900 meters deep .	(6,250 feet)
How long is the Mississippi River?	It's about 5,970 kilometers long .	(3,710 miles)
How hot is Auckland in the summer?	It gets up to about 23° Celsius.	(74° Fahrenheit)
How cold is it in the winter?	It goes down to about 10° Celsius.	(50° Fahrenheit)

A Write the questions to these answers. Then practice with a partner.

- A: ?
B: Niagara Falls is 52 meters (170 feet) high.
- A: ?
B: California is about 403,970 square kilometers (155,973 square miles).
- A: ?
B: The Nile is 6,670 kilometers (4,145 miles) long.
- A: ?
B: Osaka is about 400 kilometers (250 miles) from Tokyo.
- A: ?
B: Mexico City gets up to about 28° Celsius (82° Fahrenheit) in the spring.

B GROUP WORK Think of five questions with *how* about places in your country or other countries you know. Ask and answer your questions.

11 WRITING An article

A Write an article to promote a place in your country. Describe a place in the list.

a beach
a desert
an island
a lake
a mountain
a river
a volcano
a waterfall

Web Location Photos News Ask

Jeju Island, South Korea

JEJU ISLAND
One of the most interesting places to go in South Korea is Jeju Island. Many people go there for its warm climate and beautiful beaches. I think one of the best places to visit there is Halla Mountain, or Halla-san. It's an old volcano and you can climb it in a day, but you should go early.

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B PAIR WORK Read your partner's article. Ask questions to get more information.

Things You Can Do to Help the Environment

Look at the pictures. Which show environmental problems? Which show solutions?



CARS

Cars are getting bigger. SUVs—large, truck-like vehicles—are now the most popular cars in the United States. Bigger vehicles burn more gas and increase air pollution. So try to walk, bicycle, or use public transportation. If you drive a car, keep it tuned up. This saves gas and reduces pollution.

ENERGY

The biggest use of home energy is for heating and cooling. So turn up your air conditioner and turn down the heat, especially at night. Replace regular lightbulbs with bulbs that use less energy. And remember to turn lights off.



PRODUCTS

Each American throws away about 1.8 kilograms (4 pounds) of garbage every day. Most of it goes into landfills. Reduce waste before you buy by asking yourself: Do I need this? Is it something I can only use once? Buy products that you can use over and over again. And try to buy products made from recycled materials.

WATER

Showers use a lot of water. In one week, a typical American family uses as much water as a person drinks in three years! Buy a special "low-flow" showerhead or take shorter showers. This can cut water use in half. Also, fix any leaky faucets.

A Read the article. Where do you think it is from? Check (✓) the correct answer.

- ☐ a textbook ☐ an encyclopedia ☐ a magazine ☐ an advertisement

B Read these statements. Then write the advice from the article that each person should follow.

- Stephanie always takes long showers in the morning.
- In the winter, Ralph keeps the heat turned up all day.
- Matt buys a newspaper every day, but never reads it.
- Stuart drives to work, but his office is near his home.
- Sheila leaves the lights on at home all the time.

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C GROUP WORK What other ways do you know about to help the environment?

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Units 13–14 Progress check

SELF-ASSESSMENT

How well can you do these things? Check (✓) the boxes.

I can	Very well	OK	A little
Say what I like and dislike (Ex. 1)	☐	☐	☐
Agree and disagree with other people (Ex. 1)	☐	☐	☐
Understand a variety of questions in a restaurant (Ex. 2)	☐	☐	☐
Order a meal in a restaurant (Ex. 3)	☐	☐	☐
Describe and compare things, people, and places (Ex. 4, 5)	☐	☐	☐
Ask questions about distances and measurements (Ex. 5)	☐	☐	☐

1 SURVEY Food facts

A Answer these questions. Write your responses under the column "My answers."

	My answers	Classmate's name
What food are you crazy about?		
What food can't you stand?		
Do you like vegetarian food?		
Can you eat very rich food?		
What restaurant do you like a lot?		
How often do you go out to eat?		

B CLASS ACTIVITY Go around the class. Find someone who has the same opinions or habits.

A: I'm crazy about Korean food.

B: I am, too./So am I. OR Oh, I'm not. I'm crazy about . . .

2 LISTENING In a restaurant

 Listen to six requests in a restaurant. Check (✓) the best response.

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|--|---|---|
| 1. ☐ Yes. This way, please.
☐ Yes, please. | 3. ☐ I'd like a steak, please.
☐ Yes, I would. | 5. ☐ Carrots, please.
☐ Yes, I will. |
| 2. ☐ No, I don't.
☐ Yes, I'll have tea, please. | 4. ☐ I'll have a cup of coffee.
☐ Italian, please. | 6. ☐ Yes, I'd like some water.
☐ No, I don't think so. |

