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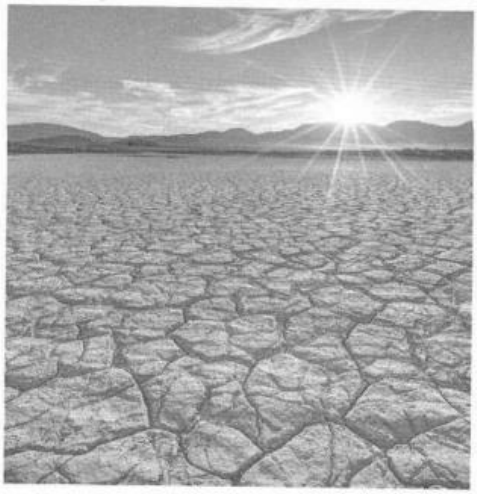
14 It's the coldest city!

1 Geography

A Circle the correct word.

1. This is a mountain with a hole on top. Smoke and lava sometimes come out, and it can be dangerous.
   a. waterfall **b.** volcano **c.** hill
2. This is a dry, sandy place. It doesn't rain much here, and there aren't many plants.
   a. desert **b.** sea **c.** volcano
3. This is a low area of land between mountains or hills.
   a. island **b.** valley **c.** beach
4. This is an area of water with land all around it.
   a. hill **b.** island **c.** lake
5. This is a flow of water that happens when a river falls from a high place.
   a. hill **b.** canyon **c.** waterfall
6. This is a large area of land that has lots of trees on it.
   a. desert **b.** forest **c.** river



B Complete the names. Use words from the box.

☐ Canyon	☐ Falls	☐ Ocean	☑ Lake
☐ Desert	☐ Mount	☐ River	☐ Sea

1. Lake Superior
2. Amazon _____
3. Grand _____
4. Atlantic _____
5. Mojave _____
6. Niagara _____
7. Mediterranean _____
8. _____ Everest

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2 Write the comparative and superlative forms of the words given.

Spelling note: Comparatives and superlatives

	Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
Add *-er* or *-est* to most words.	long	long**er**	the long**est**
Add *-r* or *-st* to words ending in *-e*.	large	large**r**	the large**st**
Drop the y and add *-ier* or *-iest*.	dry	dr**ier**	the dr**iest**
Double the final consonant and add *-er* or *-est*.	big	big**ger**	the big**gest**

1. busy	busier	the busiest
2. cool		
3. friendly		
4. heavy		
5. nice		
6. noisy		
7. old		
8. safe		
9. small		
10. wet		

3 Complete this conversation. Use the superlative form of the words given.

Keegan: So where did you go for your vacation, Kathy?

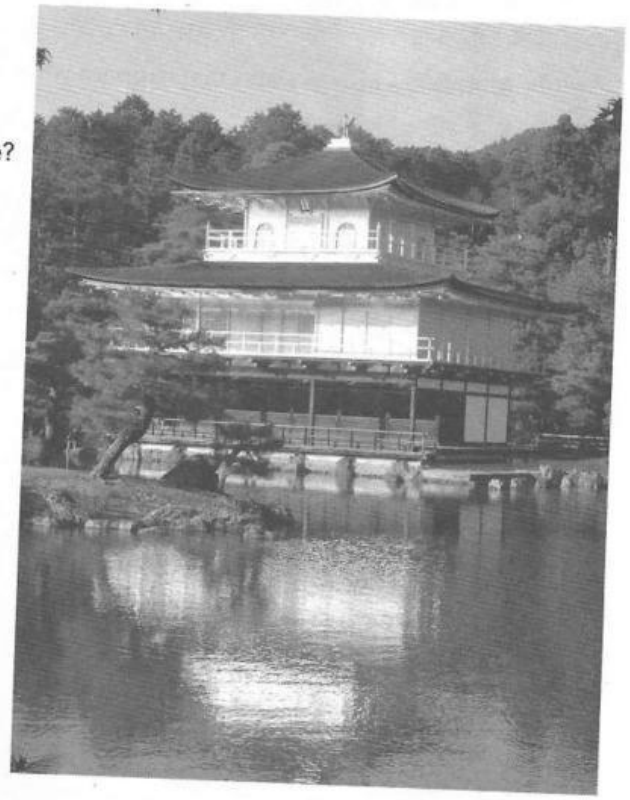
Kathy: Japan.

Keegan: How exciting! Did you have a good time?

Kathy: It was terrific! I think Japan is the most exciting (exciting) country in Asia.

Keegan: Well, it certainly has some of _____ (interesting) cities in the world – Tokyo, Osaka, and Kyoto.

Kathy: Yeah. I had _____ (good) time in Kyoto. It's _____ (beautiful) city I've ever seen. Of course, it's also one of _____ (popular) tourist attractions. It was _____ (crowded) city I visited this summer.



Keegan: I've always wanted to visit Japan. What's it like in the winter?

Kathy: Actually, I think that's _____ (bad) time to visit because I don't like cold weather. However, I think the Sapporo Snow Festival is _____ (fascinating) festival in the world.

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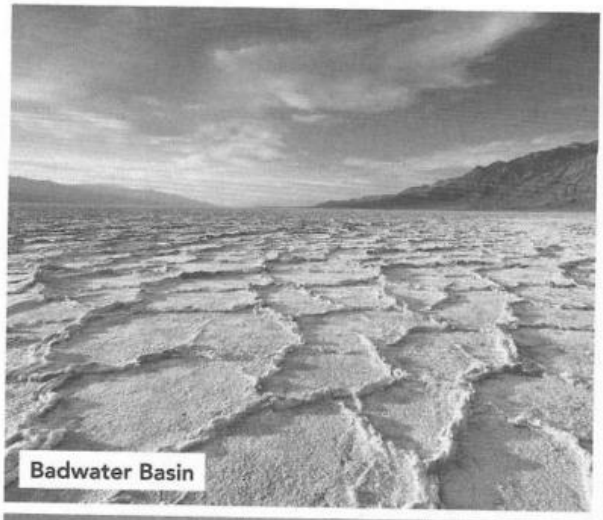
4 Complete these sentences. Use the comparative or the superlative form of the words given.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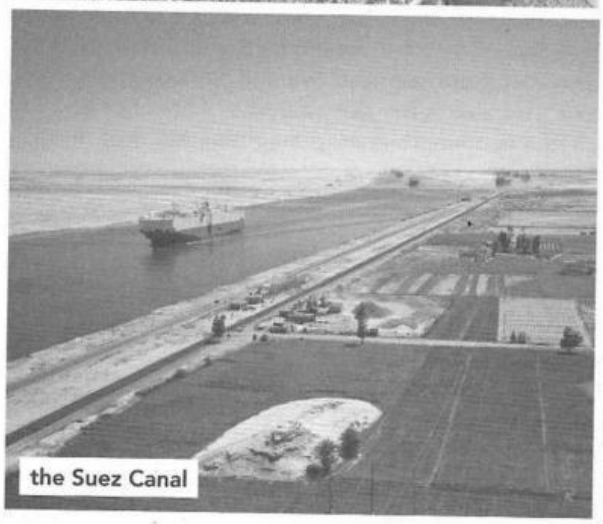
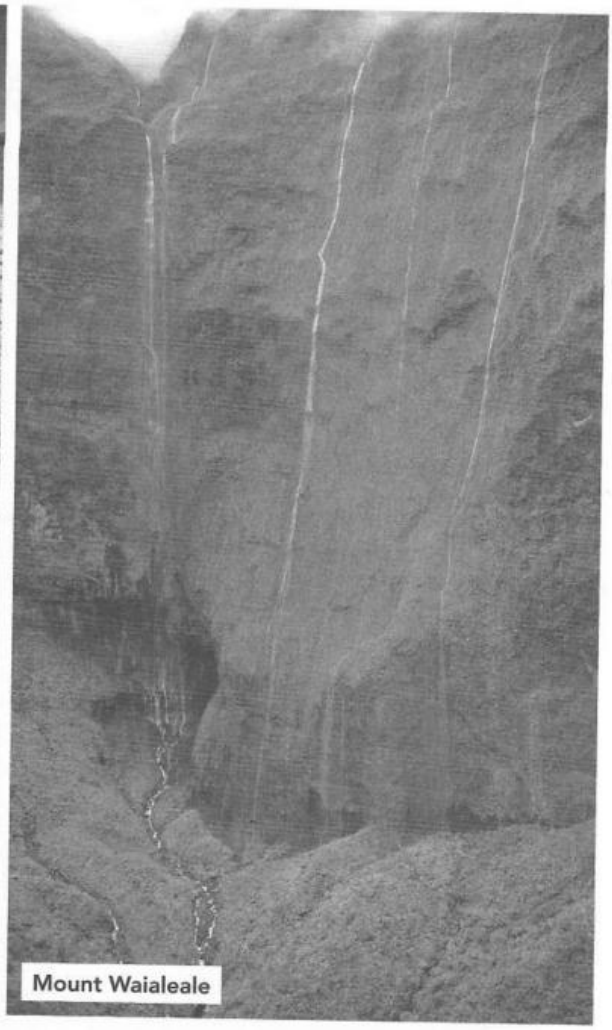

the Suez Canal


Mount Waialeale

1. Badwater Basin in California's Death Valley is _____the lowest_____ (low) point in North America.
2. The Suez Canal joins the Mediterranean and Red Seas. It is 190 kilometers (118 miles) long. It is _____longer than_____ (long) the Panama Canal.
3. Mount Waialeale in Hawaii gets 1,170 centimeters (460 inches) of rain a year. It is _____ (wet) place on Earth!
4. Canada and Russia are _____ (large) countries in the world.
5. Russia is _____ (large) Canada.
6. _____ (high) waterfall in the world is in Venezuela.
7. The Atacama Desert in Chile is _____ (dry) place in the world.
8. _____ (hot) capital city in the world is Muscat, Oman.
9. The continent of Antarctica is _____ (cold) any other place in the world.
10. The Himalayas are some of _____ (dangerous) mountains to climb.
11. Mont Blanc in the French Alps is _____ (high) the Matterhorn in the Swiss Alps.
12. The Pacific Ocean is _____ (deep) the Atlantic Ocean. At one place, the Pacific Ocean is 11,033 meters (36,198 feet) deep.

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5 The coldest and the windiest!

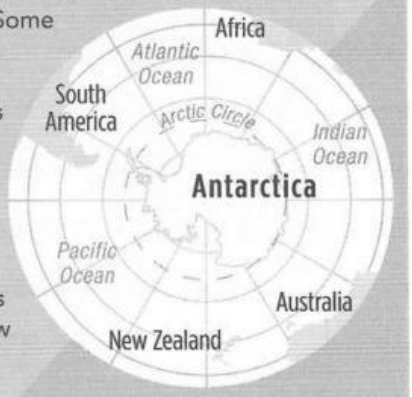
A Scan the article about Antarctica. In what ways is it different from other places on Earth? Why do scientists work there?

ANTARCTICA is the most southern continent in the world. It's like nowhere else on Earth. It's much larger than Europe and nearly twice the size of Australia. It's an icy plateau with the South Pole at its center. Antarctica is the coldest and windiest place in the world, even colder and windier than the North Pole. Although 98 percent of Antarctica is covered in ice, it is considered a desert. Along the coast, annual precipitation is only 200 millimeters (eight inches) a year. Very few plants grow there, but there is some wildlife, including whales, seals, and penguins. In the summer, the sun shines for 24 hours a day, but in the winter, it's completely dark for about three months.

When Captain James Cook sailed around the continent in the 1770s, he found no one living there. Today, a few scientists work in Antarctica, but they only spend fairly short periods of time there. Many of these scientists live and work on the Antarctic Peninsula. This area is the closest part of Antarctica to South America, the continent's nearest neighbor. Many of these scientists are studying the effects of climate change there.

Antarctica has warmed by about 2.5 degrees Celsius since 1950. Some ice is melting in certain parts of the continent. However, unlike the vast melting that is happening in the Arctic, the ice in Antarctica is actually growing in spite of global warming.

Scientists think that this cold and lonely place can teach us a lot about the earth and how to keep it safe.



B Read about Antarctica. Check (✓) True or False.

	True	False
1. Antarctica is bigger than Europe.	☐	☐
2. The North Pole is the coldest place in the world.	☐	☐
3. The coasts in Antarctica get a lot of snow.	☐	☐
4. In Antarctica, it never gets dark in the summer.	☐	☐
5. Captain Cook discovered a few people living in Antarctica.	☐	☐
6. The Antarctic Peninsula is the closest part of Antarctica to South America.	☐	☐
7. Ice in Antarctica is melting throughout the continent.	☐	☐

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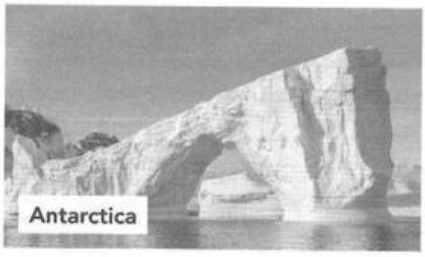
6 Geography quiz

Use the words in the box. Write questions about the pictures. Then circle the correct answers.

☐ How big	☐ How deep	☐ How long
☐ How cold	☐ How far	☑ How high

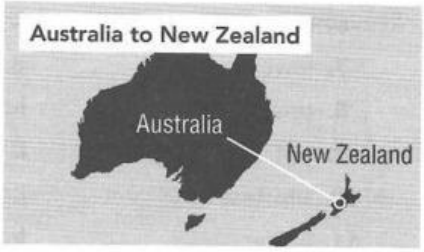
1. How high is Angel Falls?
   a. It's 979 meters (3,212 feet) tall.
   (b.) It's 979 meters high.

2. _____
   a. It's 6,300 kilometers (3,917 miles) long.
   b. It's 6,300 kilometers high.



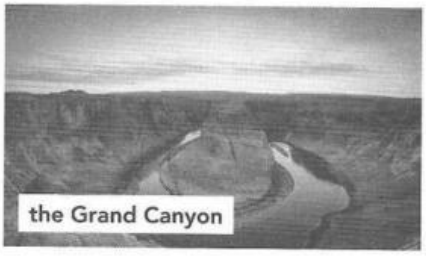
3. _____
   a. It gets up to –88.3 degrees Celsius (–126.9 degrees Fahrenheit).
   b. It gets down to –88.3 degrees Celsius.

4. _____
   a. It's about 2,000 kilometers (1,200 miles).
   b. It's about 2,000 square kilometers.



5. _____
   a. It's 6 million square kilometers (2.5 million square miles).
   b. It's 6 million kilometers long.

6. _____
   a. It's about 1.6 kilometers (1 mile) big.
   b. It's about 1.6 kilometers deep.



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7 Answer these questions about your country.

1. How big is the largest city?

_____

2. What's the wettest month?

_____

3. What's the driest month?

_____

4. How hot does it get in the summer?

_____

5. How cold does it get in the winter?

_____

6. How high is the highest mountain?

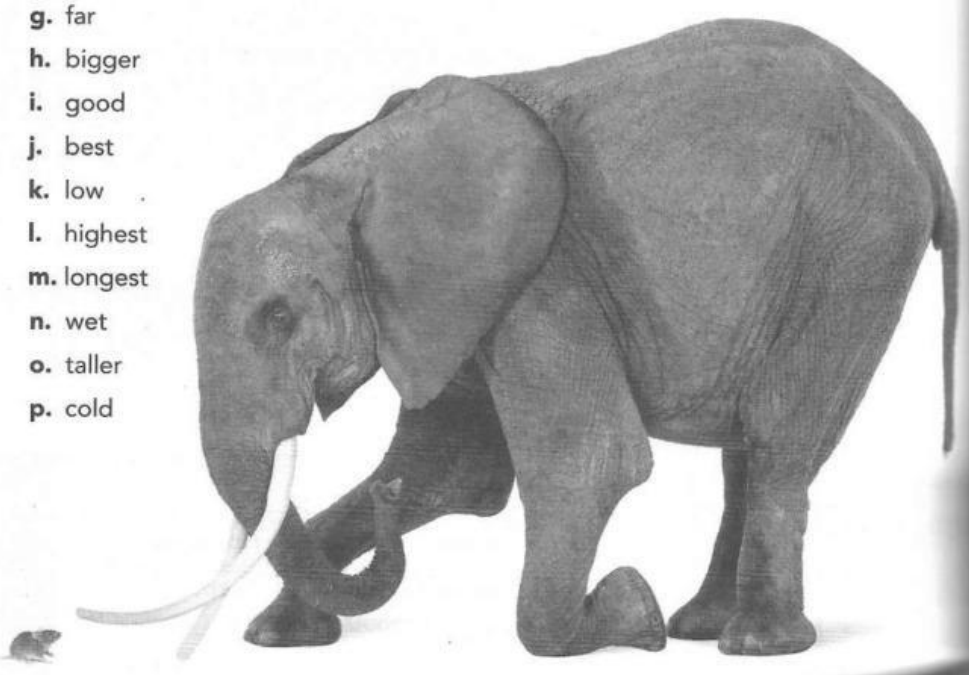
_____

7. What's the most beautiful town to visit?

_____

8 Match the words with their opposites.

1. biggest	f	a. better
2. bad	____	b. wettest
3. shorter	____	c. colder
4. worse	____	d. drier
5. worst	____	e. hottest
6. near	____	f. smallest
7. lowest	____	g. far
8. driest	____	h. bigger
9. hot	____	i. good
10. shortest	____	j. best
11. hotter	____	k. low
12. smaller	____	l. highest
13. coldest	____	m. longest
14. wetter	____	n. wet
15. dry	____	o. taller
16. high	____	p. cold



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