



Lesson 1

Amazing Facts Around the World

1. Put the words in their corresponding category. Use the Word Bank below.



▶ Mountains

Everest



▶ Rivers

Amazon



▶ Countries

Mexico



▶ Planets

Venus

Word Bank

- Brazil
- Venus
- Amazon
- Aconcagua
- Mexico
- United States
- McKinley
- Mars
- Nile
- Missouri
- Everest
- Earth

Vocabulary Strategy Make groups of words around a central concept to help you remember vocabulary.

2. Complete these facts. Use some of the words in exercise 1.

a. The *Aconcagua* is the highest mountain in South America.

b. _____ is the longest river in the United States.

c. Mount _____ is the highest mountain in the United States.

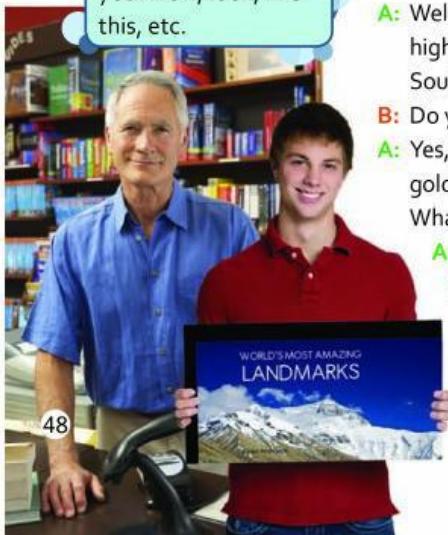
d. The _____ is the longest river in Egypt.



3. Read and listen to the conversation. Then complete the grammar chart on page 49.

Speaking Strategy

To keep informal conversations going, use expressions like you know, look, like this, etc.



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A: Hi, buddy. Can I help you?

B: Sure. I am looking for an encyclopedia, about daily things like, which is bigger, Mars or Earth?

A: Let me see. I have an encyclopedia of the universe. Look, here it is. Here you can find facts like this, look: it says that Earth is bigger than Mars.

B: That's great. But what about an encyclopedia of the world's most interesting landmarks. Do you have one?

A: Well, here. Look, I have this book. It says, for example, that Mount Everest in Asia is higher than Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa. Brazil, for example, is the largest country in South America, but it is smaller than the United States in North America.

B: Do you have anything else?

A: Yes, this book is about the smallest things on Earth. Look, it says here that the Brazilian gold frog is the smallest one. Look, this frog is more interesting than other varieties. What do you think?

A: Well, I'll go for the world landmarks encyclopedia.

B: That's a great choice. Here you are.

Key Expressions

I'll go for: I'll choose... Here you are: Take it.