

1. Remember that small actions can (**contribute / develop**) to significant positive changes in our society.
2. Preserving our cultural (**heritage / discovery**) is essential for future generations to appreciate.
3. We should (**consider / possess**) the potential risks carefully before moving forward with this plan.
4. The cable car provides a convenient way to (**access / permit**) the mountain peak and enjoy the magnificent panoramic views.
5. We have a(n) (**charming / urgent**) deadline to meet, so we must work overtime to finish it on time.
6. The government needs to implement (**harmful / sustainable**) practices to protect the environment.
7. The rolling hills and green (**landscapes / locations**) here create a tranquil atmosphere.
8. Due to climate change, changes in weather patterns are expected to (**occur / consider**) more often this year.
9. The students were encouraged to (**explore / protect**) new subjects to boost their creativity.
10. The landlord (**hesitated / permitted**) the tenants to have a small pet in the rental property.

**Exercise 11. Complete the conversation with the correct word in the box.**

establish	landscapes	species	focus	project
studying	rainforests	admiring	preservation	pollution

**Sam:** Hey, Alex! What are you up to?

**Alex:** Hi, Sam. I'm just working on my (1) \_\_\_\_\_ about natural wonders.

**Sam:** Oh, cool! I've heard you're (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the biodiversity of different places around the world.

**Alex:** Yeah, it's really fascinating. Do you know there are over 100,000 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ living in the coral reef alone?

**Sam:** That's incredible. So which part are you working on your project?

**Alex:** Well, I am suggesting ways to preserve that diversity of nature. One solution is to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ marine protected areas to protect the ecosystems from (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and overfishing.

**Sam:** Great idea. I went scuba diving in the Great Barrier Reef last summer and I couldn't help (6) \_\_\_\_\_ its beauty. We have to make sure that we take care of these amazing (7) \_\_\_\_\_ so people can continue to visit them.

**Alex:** Exactly. Our assignment also requires us to choose a specific species or ecosystem to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ on. I'm thinking about (9) \_\_\_\_\_ and their importance in regulating our climate.

**Sam:** Good choice. For my assignment, I chose elephants to talk about animal (10) \_\_\_\_\_. They're such amazing creatures and they need our help to ensure their survival.

**Alex:** Definitely. Alright, well I better get back to work. See you tomorrow.

**Exercise 12. Read the passage and choose the best option to fill in the blank.**

### **The Puerto Princesa Underground River**

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Philippines, the Puerto Princesa Underground River is one of the most amazing natural wonders in the world. Travellers can (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the river by boat and the tour lasts about 45 minutes. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the river is over 8 kilometres long, you can only explore its first 1.5 kilometres as it gets very dark inside the cave along the river and there are also lots of bats. The river water is so (4) \_\_\_\_\_ that you can see many fish and other animals. Sometimes tourists can even see monkeys and lizards near the entrance to the cave. Inside the cave, the destination offers visitors lots of majestic rock formations that you can't help (5) \_\_\_\_\_.

This amazing wonder became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1999. The area around the river is a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ park called the Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park. The park is home to a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ variety of different plants and animals, which makes it an important site for biodiversity and a great example of (8) \_\_\_\_\_ tourism.

1. A. Locating	B. Locate	C. Location	D. Located
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2. A. discover	B. explore	C. travel	D. consider
3. A. Although	B. However	C. Because	D. Despite
4. A. clear	B. bright	C. simple	D. low
5. A. to admire	B. admire	C. admiring	D. to admiring
6. A. financial	B. traditional	C. cultural	D. national
7. A. diverse	B. different	C. unique	D. distinct
8. A. affordable	B. sustainable	C. comfortable	D. valuable

**Exercise 13. Read and decide which natural wonder in the box each description is talking about.**

			
A. Mount Everest		B. Amazon Rainforest	
			
C. Sahara Desert		D. Victoria Falls	
			
E. Phu Quoc Island			

Description	Natural wonder

<p>1. Located in the Gulf of Thailand, this wonder is renowned for its stunning beaches. Regarding its speciality, the destination is famous for its production of high-quality fish sauce. Tourists can go swimming in the sea or explore marine life with fun activities of diving and snorkelling.</p>	
<p>2. This destination covers a large area and spans across eleven countries in northern Africa. The place is famous for its extreme temperature: very hot during the day; very cold at night. The animals here have to adapt to the harsh environment. These species include camels, snakes, scorpions, and different types of birds.</p>	
<p>3. Located on the border between Nepal and China, this wonder is famous for its height of 8,848 metres above sea level. The temperature here can vary widely, with the summit experiencing extremely cold temperatures that can drop below -40 degrees Celsius.</p>	
<p>4. This natural wonder is famous for its amazing biodiversity. It is home to around 10% of the world's species, including millions of plant and animal species. However, this destination is threatened by activities like agriculture and logging.</p>	
<p>5. This wonder is a UNESCO World Heritage Site thanks to its exceptional natural beauty. The wonder is formed by the Zambezi River. During the rainy season, the water levels are at their peak flow, while during the dry season, the water volume decreases.</p>	

**Exercise 14. Read the text carefully and decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).**

### **Galapagos Islands**

If you're looking for a travel destination, look no further than the natural wonder of Galapagos Islands. This group of islands is located 1,000 kilometres off

the coast of Ecuador and is famous for its unique biodiversity and preservation efforts.

The Galapagos Islands are home to a variety of animal species that can't be found anywhere else in the world, including giant tortoises, marine iguanas, and blue-footed boobies. The islands also offer incredible opportunities for snorkelling and scuba diving, where visitors can swim with sea lions, penguins, and even sharks. Access to the Galapagos Islands is limited in order to protect the delicate ecosystem, so it's important to plan your visit in advance. Most visitors choose to take a guided tour, which allows them to explore multiple islands and learn about the fascinating history and wildlife of the region.

In addition to the amazing wildlife, the Galapagos Islands' attractiveness also lies in their magnificent volcanic landscapes, charming accommodations, and delicious seafood. The islands' main town, Puerto Ayora, offers visitors plenty of shops and restaurants to consider exploring.

Statements	T or F
1. The Galapagos Islands are a famous man-made travel destination.	
2. The Galapagos Islands are home to common species found worldwide.	
3. To protect the islands, visitors cannot engage in water activities.	
4. Visitors had better plan their trip in advance due to restricted access to the islands.	
5. The limited access to the islands is to protect the ecosystem here.	
6. Most tourists prefer to explore the islands on their own without a guide.	
7. Tourists can admire the amazing volcanic landscapes when visiting the Galapagos Islands.	
8. Puerto Ayora, the main town, has limited shopping and dining options.	

**Exercise 15. Complete the following reported speech.**

1. "Did you finish your homework last night?", my mother asked me.  
→ My mother wanted to know whether

2. "Are there a hundred pupils in your class?", Tom asked me.  
→ Jack asked me if
3. "Will the government take action to protect nature?", Mary asked Tim.  
→ Mary asked Tim whether
4. "Have you enjoyed the vacation here?", Linda asked them.  
→ Linda wanted to know if
5. "Do you enjoy the facilities at my hotel?", Ms. Lee asked us.  
→ Ms. Lee wanted to know whether
6. "Can I watch a movie before going to bed tonight?", the boy asked his mom.  
→ The boy asked his mom if
7. "Have you ever traveled to London before?", Lan asked Mai.  
→ Lan wanted to know if
8. "Will tourism harm the environment in this area?", the tourist asked.  
→ The tourist wanted to know if
9. "Have you ever been to these natural wonders?", Linh asked me.  
→ Linh asked me if
10. "Are we going to the beach or the mountains tomorrow?", Tu asked Ha.  
→ Tu asked Ha whether

**Exercise 16. Rewrite the sentences using reported speech. Number 0 is an example for you.**

0. "Do you enjoy the trip?", the tour guide asked me.  
→ *The tour guide asked me if I enjoyed the trip.*
1. "Can we go to the Amazon Rainforest next summer vacation?", the child asked his mother.

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2. "Is this butterfly species native to the area?", the tourist asked him.

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3. "Will you visit Ha Long Bay tomorrow?", Tom asked his aunt.

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4. "Did you watch the news yesterday, My?", John asked.

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5. "Are you ready to explore a natural wonder?", Mr. Joey asked his sons.

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6. "Are you interested in trying my country's cuisine?", Nam asked me.

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7. "Have you finished your homework today?", my teacher asked Tom.

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8. "Have you ever tried these delicious traditional dishes, Rose?", Minh asked.

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9. "Are you coming to the party tonight?", my friend asked me.

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10. "Are these the main topics I need to study for the exam?", the student asked the teacher.

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