FORM 3

CLOSE-UP

UNIT 3 : THE WONDERS OF NATURE

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Articles

A **Read the sentences 1–6 and look at the nouns in bold. Which words come before 1–4?**

1 The **water** in this pond is dirty.
2 A **cave** can be a dangerous place.
3 The **trees** in this forest are very old.
4 A **scientist** at this university has discovered a new species. The **scientist** has worked here for many years.
5 **Pollution** is a very serious problem.
6 Have you ever seen **whales** in the sea?

B **Match the sentences in A with the descriptions below. Which sentence has ...**

a a noun used for the first time and then mentioned again? ☐
b a specific plural noun? ☐
c a specific uncountable noun? ☐
d a plural noun with a general meaning? ☐
e a singular countable noun with a general meaning? ☐
f an uncountable noun with a general meaning? ☐

C **Complete the rules with *a / an* or *the*.**

- We use the indefinite article _____ with singular countable nouns with a general meaning or when we mention them for the first time.
- We use the definite article _____ with countable and uncountable nouns with a specific meaning or when the noun has already been mentioned.
- We don't use _____ or _____ with plural nouns or uncountable nouns with a general meaning.

Be careful
We always use:
● *a / an* with jobs.
She is a biologist.
the with instruments, unique nouns, names of rivers, deserts and mountain ranges.
She plays the violin.
The Earth is round.
He loves the Rockies.
No article with proper names.
Is James here?

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D **Complete the sentences with *a, an, the* or -.**

1 There is _____ elephant in the zoo. _____ elephant is nearly 40 years old.
2 John is _____ teacher.
3 _____ millions of people speak Chinese.
4 He plays _____ piano very well, so his parents want to buy him _____ piano for his birthday.
5 _____ Sahara Desert is huge.
6 In _____ 80s _____ Jacques Cousteau became famous for his expeditions.
7 _____ moon is round and it orbits _____ Earth.
8 I saw _____ octopus in the sea. _____ octopus had eight 'arms'.
9 Everyone should try to help _____ poor.
10 There is _____ article in _____ *Times* about _____ Alps.
11 I love _____ music, but _____ music I don't like at all is _____ jazz.

E **Complete the text with *a, an, the* or -.**

Angel Falls

At a height of 979 metres, Angel Falls is (1) _____ highest waterfall in the world. It is situated in (2) _____ Auyantepui Mountain in Venezuela.

Because of its location deep in the Venezuelan rainforest, nobody in (3) _____ outside world knew about Angel Falls until 1935. However, (4) _____ local people called, (5) _____ Pemones, knew about it for thousands of years before that. Its name in (6) _____ Pemon language is Kerepakupai Merů, which means 'waterfall of the deepest place'.

In 1935, (7) _____ American pilot, Jimmie Angel, was flying his plane along (8) _____ Carrao River when he discovered the falls. He went back in 1937 and tried to land his plane on top of the falls, but (9) _____ wheels of the plane got stuck in mud. Angel and the three other passengers had to walk down from (10) _____ top of the falls on foot. It took them 11 days, but (11) _____ people all over the world learnt of his adventure and the existence of (12) _____ waterfall. He became (13) _____ legend and the falls were named after him.

Thirty-three years later, (14) _____ helicopter lifted Jimmie Angel's plane from the mountain and today it is in front of (15) _____ airport at Cuidad Bolivar in Venezuela. Sadly, Jimmie Angel was hurt very badly while he was landing (16) _____ aeroplane on 17th April, 1956 in (17) _____ Panama. He died eight months later from his injuries. His ashes were scattered over Angel Falls.

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