

## UNIT 5

# NATURAL WONDERS OF THE WORLD



### A. PHONETICS

#### I. Read the following pairs of words, pay attention to the letters in bold.

1. bet/ best	2. coat/ coast	3. net/nest	4. boat/ boast
5. lot/lost	6. boot/boost	7. cat/cast	8. hot/host
9. wet/ west	10. eat/ east		

#### II. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences. Then read the sentences aloud.

1. We had a nice day on the \_\_\_\_\_ (coat/ coast).
2. A fishing \_\_\_\_\_ (net/ nest) is used on fishing boats for catching fish.
3. The sun rises in the \_\_\_\_\_ (eat/ east) and sets in the \_\_\_\_\_ (wet/ west).
4. This weekend's weather will be \_\_\_\_\_ (wet/ west) and windy.
5. A young \_\_\_\_\_ (cat/cast) is called a kitten.
6. She is the \_\_\_\_\_ (bet/ best) student in her class.
7. We took a wrong turn and got \_\_\_\_\_ (lot/ lost).
8. I really need a new pair of walking \_\_\_\_\_ (boots/ boosts).
9. How are you going to France? - We are going by \_\_\_\_\_ (boat/ boast).
10. We thanked our \_\_\_\_\_ (hot/ host) for a very enjoyable evening.

### B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

#### I. Look at the pictures. Choose and write the correct answers.

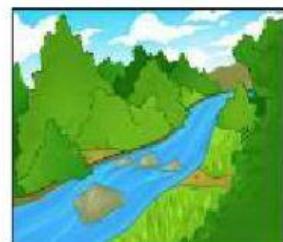


1. \_\_\_\_\_

island

mountain

desert



2. \_\_\_\_\_

beach

river

lake



3. \_\_\_\_\_

forest

cave

mountain



4. \_\_\_\_\_

beach

waterfall

river



5. \_\_\_\_\_

island



6. \_\_\_\_\_

waterfall



7. \_\_\_\_\_

forest



8. \_\_\_\_\_

cave



9. \_\_\_\_\_

valley



10. \_\_\_\_\_

island

forest

mountain

desert

cave

**II. Write the names of natural wonders.**

waterfall	lake	forest	cave	desert	island	valley	river
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1. A large area of land where there is almost no water, rains, trees, or plants \_\_\_\_\_
2. A large area of water that flows towards the sea \_\_\_\_\_
3. A large area of water that is surrounded by land \_\_\_\_\_
4. A piece of land that is completely surrounded by water \_\_\_\_\_
5. A place where a stream or river falls down from a high place \_\_\_\_\_
6. A large area of land that is covered with a lot of trees \_\_\_\_\_
7. A low area of land between mountains or hills \_\_\_\_\_
8. A large hole in the side of a hill or under the ground \_\_\_\_\_

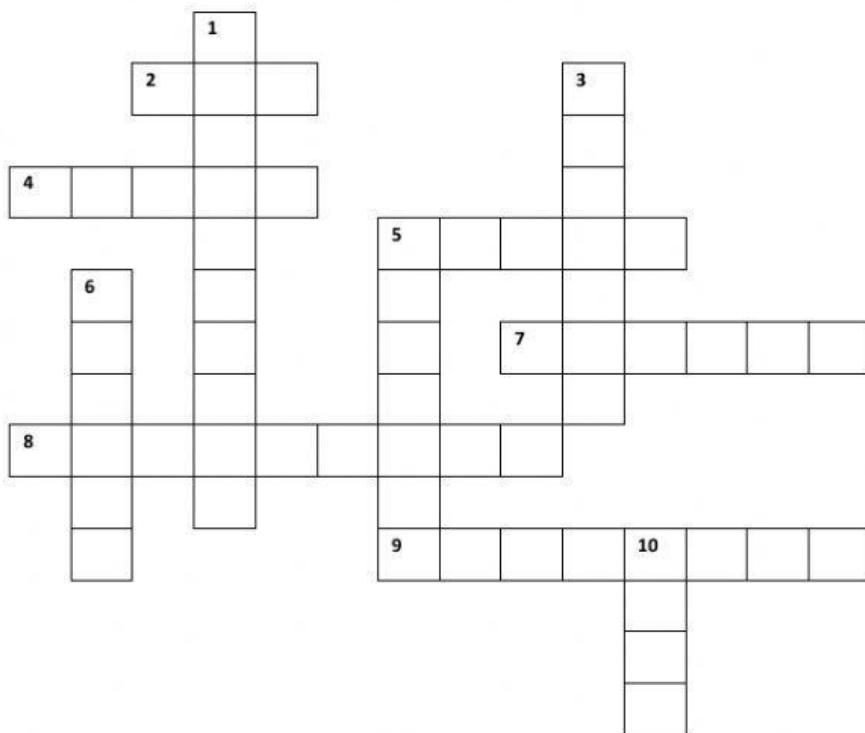
**III. Complete the sentences with the words from the box.**

plasters	painkillers	suncream	sleeping bag	walking boots
scissors	compass	tent	torch	waterproof coats

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a warm bag that you sleep in, especially when camping.
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a temporary shelter you use when you go camping.

3. Have you got any \_\_\_\_\_? I've cut my finger.
4. Don't shine your \_\_\_\_\_ straight into my eyes!
5. She took some strong \_\_\_\_\_ for her headaches.
6. You should put \_\_\_\_\_ on your skin to protect it from the harmful effects of the sun.
7. We are going hiking this weekend, so I need a new pair of \_\_\_\_\_.
8. A \_\_\_\_\_ shows you which direction is north.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ will keep you safe and dry, whether you're spending a day out in the rain.
10. Could you pass me those \_\_\_\_\_, please. These don't cut very well.

**IV. Fill the crossword puzzle.**



**Across**

2. an area of coast where the land curves inwards; e.g. Ha Long \_\_\_\_\_.
4. a mountain; e.g. \_\_\_\_\_ Everest.
5. the land beside the sea or ocean
7. What is the Sahara?
8. water which comes running down from a high place
9. a cream that you put on your skin to prevent it burning in hot sun

**Down**

1. a medicine that reduces pain
3. a piece of material stuck on to the skin to cover a cut
5. an instrument for finding direction
6. a piece of land surrounded by water
10. a large piece of stone that rises up from the ground

**V. Fill the blanks with the comparative and superlative degrees of the following words.**

POSITIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
1. high	_____	_____
2. narrow	_____	_____
3. good	_____	_____
4. bad	_____	_____
5. exciting	_____	_____
6. far	_____	_____
7. big	_____	_____
9. large	_____	_____
10. lazy	_____	_____
11. many/ much	_____	_____
12. little	_____	_____

**VI. Complete the sentences with the superlative form of the words listed below.**

high delicious boring good dirty rich valuable bad large dry

1. That was \_\_\_\_\_ movie I've ever seen. I almost walked out in the middle.
2. Pizza is \_\_\_\_\_ food in the world!
3. Harry is \_\_\_\_\_ student in our class. He gets the top grades in every course.
4. The Pacific Ocean is \_\_\_\_\_ ocean in the world. It covers about 170million square kilometers.
5. The Atacama desert is \_\_\_\_\_ desert in the world. It receives just 1 mmof rain per year.
6. He is \_\_\_\_\_ speaker I have ever heard. Half the audience fell asleepduring his speech.
7. Mount Everest is \_\_\_\_\_ mountain in the world.
8. That is \_\_\_\_\_ painting in the art gallery. It's worth a million dollars.
9. Switzerland is one of \_\_\_\_\_ countries in the world.
10. Arthur hates to clean. He has \_\_\_\_\_ apartment I've ever seen.

**VII. Write the superlative form of the words given.**

1. One World Trade Center is \_\_\_\_\_ (tall) building in the United States.
2. My mother is \_\_\_\_\_ (good) cook in the world.
3. Terrence Tao is \_\_\_\_\_ (intelligent) person in the world.
4. Where are \_\_\_\_\_ (nice) beaches in your country?
5. Hawaii is \_\_\_\_\_ (interesting) place I've ever been to.
6. Dave is \_\_\_\_\_ (untidy) person in class.
7. July is generally \_\_\_\_\_ (hot) month of the year.
8. The blue whale is PhuQuoc is \_\_\_\_\_ (heavy) animal on earth.

9. Phu Quoc is \_\_\_\_\_ (large) island in Vietnam.  
 10. I think it is one of \_\_\_\_\_ (boring) war films I've ever seen.

**VIII. Underline the correct answer.**

1. Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is (pretty, prettier, the prettiest) of them all?
2. I find French (difficult, more difficult, most difficult) to speak than Italian.
3. Which is (fast, faster, the fastest), a snail or a worm?
4. What is (high, higher, the highest) mountain in your country?
5. This car is too small. We need to get a (big, bigger, biggest) one.
6. This summer is not as (hot, hotter, hottest) as last summer.
7. The ostrich, the (large, larger, largest) bird in the world, does not fly.
8. My exam results are as (good, better, best) as the rest of my classmates.
9. This is (exciting, more exciting, the most exciting) movie I have ever seen.
10. Move your chair a little (close, closer, closest) to the table.

**IX. Put the adjectives in the correct form (comparative or superlative).**

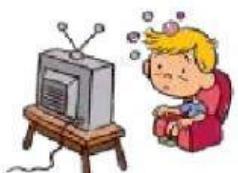
1. Lake Baikal in Russia is \_\_\_\_\_ lake in the world. (deep)
2. Which is \_\_\_\_\_, the Sahara Desert or the Gobi Desert? (hot)
3. With a high of 979 meters (3,212 ft), Angel Falls is the world's \_\_\_\_\_ waterfall. (high)
4. Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa is \_\_\_\_\_ than Mount Everest in Asia. (low)
5. The Yangtze is \_\_\_\_\_ river in Asia. It is 6,385 kilometers long. (long)
6. Greenland is \_\_\_\_\_ island in the world. It is about 2.2 million km<sup>2</sup>. (large)
7. The River Thames is much \_\_\_\_\_ than the Nile. (short)
8. The Atacama Desert in Chile is the world's \_\_\_\_\_ desert. (dry)
9. The Amazon Rainforest covers an area 25 times \_\_\_\_\_ than Britain. (big)
10. Waikiki Beach is one of \_\_\_\_\_ beaches in Hawaii. (popular)

**X. Complete the text with the most suitable form of the adjectives in brackets.**

London is one of (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (large) cities in the world. Its population is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (low) than Tokyo and Shanghai, but it is one of (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (popular) tourist destinations of all. London is probably (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (famous) for its museums, galleries, palaces and other sights, but it also includes a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (wide) range of peoples, cultures and religions than many other places. People used to say that it was (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (dirty) city too, but it is now much (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) than it was. It now has some of (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (good) restaurants in Europe too.

**XI. Complete the sentences with *must* or *mustn't*.**

 <p>1. You _____ see a doctor.</p>	 <p>2. You _____ eat in class.</p>
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 <p>3. You _____ be late for school.</p>	 <p>4. You _____ eat fruit and vegetables.</p>
 <p>5. You _____ eat fast food too often.</p>	 <p>6. You _____ do your homework.</p>
 <p>7. You _____ watch TV a lot.</p>	 <p>8. You _____ put litter in the bin.</p>
 <p>9. We _____ be polite to our teachers.</p>	 <p>10. We _____ talk loudly in the library.</p>

## XII. Write sentences with **must** or **mustn't**, using the words given in brackets.

1. It is raining heavily. (you/ wear your raincoat)
2. Jane is not feeling well. (she/ go to the doctor)
3. The baby is sleeping. (you/ shout)
4. This is a secret. (you/ tell the others)
5. The sign says 'NO PARKING' (we/ park here)
6. This vase is very dirty. (I/ clean it soon)
7. This is a non-smoking area. (he/ smoke in this area)
8. There is a 'STOP' sign ahead. (we/ stop)

You must wear your raincoat.

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## C. SPEAKING

### I. Write the questions for the underlined words.

1. \_\_\_\_\_?

Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world.

2. \_\_\_\_\_?

The Grand Canyon is in Arizona, USA.

3. \_\_\_\_\_?

The Atacama desert receives 1 mm of rain per year. ?

4. \_\_\_\_\_?

The Nile River is 6,650 kilometers long.

5. \_\_\_\_\_?

Mt. Everest is over 60 million years old.

6. \_\_\_\_\_?

Victoria Falls. Victoria Falls are twice as tall as Niagara Falls.

7. \_\_\_\_\_?

Thien Duong Cave was discovered in 2005.

8. \_\_\_\_\_?

Visitors can get to Angel Falls by boat.

**II. Match the questions with the answers.**

1. Where do you want to go on your next holiday?	a. It is about 500km.
2. Really? Where is it?	b. I can get there by car.
3. What is it like?	c. I can spend my time enjoying cool weather with the magnificent stalactites.
4. What is special about it?	d. I want to go to Thien Duong Cave.
5. How far is it from Hanoi?	e. Stalactites in Paradise cave are in many multi-shapes.
6. How can you get there?	f. It is the most beautiful cave in Phong Nha Ke Bang area.
7. What can you do there?	g. It's in Quang Binh Province.

**III. Put the conversation in the correct order.**

\_\_\_\_ No. It's Antarctica. It covers about 14 million square kilometers.

\_\_\_\_ It is over 7,000 kilometers long.

1 What is the largest desert on earth, Cathy?

\_\_\_\_ The Andes is the longest mountain range in the world.

\_\_\_\_ How long is it?

\_\_\_\_ Uh... Is it the Sahara Desert?

\_\_\_\_ Wow. That's amazing!

\_\_\_\_ I have no idea. What is it?

\_\_\_\_ Do you know what the longest mountain range in the world is?

\_\_\_\_ Oh well, it is much larger than the Sahara.

**D. READING**

**I. Complete the passages with the words from the box.**

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Son Doong cave is world's (1) \_\_\_\_\_ cave, located in Quang Binh province, Vietnam. It was (2) \_\_\_\_\_ by a local man named Ho Khanh in 1991 and was recently discovered in

2009 by British cavers, led by Howard Limbert. The name "SonDoong" cave (3) \_\_\_\_\_ "mountain river cave". The cave was created 2-5 million years ago by river water eroding away the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ underneath the mountain.

At about 9 kilometers in length, 200 meters in (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and 150 meters in height, Son Doong Cave is (6) \_\_\_\_\_ larger than Deer Cave in Malaysia and has replaced Deer Cave to take pole position (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the world's largest cave.

**II. Read the text carefully, then choose the correct answers.**

*Where are you going for your next holiday? How about Australia?*

Australia has got 37,000km of coastline and the best beaches in the world! The Great Barrier Reef is off the north-east coast of Australia. It's the largest coral reef in the sea! You can take a boat to it and dive there. It's a fantastic undersea world.

Inland Australia is called 'the outback'. There are lots of wild camels, and there are some you can ride, too! There are fantastic national parks, where you can camp under the stars. In the Uluru National Park, there's a very big sandstone rock, called Ayers Rock. It looks amazing in the evening sun.

Do you like adventure? Then you can take a canoe trip along the Murray River. It's Australia's longest river. Another good trip for adventurous people is to the Blue Mountains. These are west of Sydney in New South Wales. The mountains look blue and they contain lots of unusual animals and plants.

Australia has got its own rainforest. It's along the coast of North Queensland. It's only 900,000 hectares today, but it once covered all of Australia. You can see lots of interesting animals in the rainforest, but be careful of the crocodiles!

Do you like wildlife? Australia has got a unique type of animal - marsupials. These include kangaroos, koalas and platypuses. You can see them in the Yanchep National Park, near Perth in Western Australia. Remember the koalas aren't teddy bears. They can be dangerous!

-coral reef (n): *rạn san hô*

- marsupial (n): *thú có túi*

-platypus (n): *thú mó vkit*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is off the coast of Australia.

a. Ayers Rock

b. The Yanchep National Park

c. The rainforest

d. The Great Barrier Reef

2. Ayer Rock is \_\_\_\_\_.

a. in the Yanchep National Park

b. a huge sandstone rock

c. a coral reef in the sea

d. also called Uluru National Park

3. \_\_\_\_\_ is a marsupial.



4. Australia is famous for \_\_\_\_\_.

a. its largest rainforest

b. the longest river in the world

c. its unique animals

d. beautiful national parks

5. Which sentence is not true?

a. Australia was once mostly covered in rainforest

- b. The Blue Mountains are situated not far from Sydney.
- c. You can see platypuses in the wild in Australia.
- d. Australian crocodiles live in the outback.

## **E. WRITING**

### **I. Write sentences, using the words given with the correct form of the adjectives.**

1. Which/ dry/ Sahara Desert/ or/ Atacama Desert?

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2. Cat Ba Island/ large/ island/ Ha Long Bay

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3. The Mekong River/ long/ river/ Vietnam

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4. Angel Falls/ Venezuela/ high/ waterfall/ the world.

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5. The Amazon River/ wide/ the Nile River

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6. Ayers Rock/ famous/ landmark/ Australia

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7. West Lake/ big/ freshwater lake/ Hanoi

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8. Ha Long Bay/ popular/ PhongNha Cave?

### **II. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given.**

1. The film is not as interesting as the novel was. (much)

The novel \_\_\_\_\_

2. I've never read a worse book than this. (ever)

This is the \_\_\_\_\_

3. Travelling by bus is cheaper than travelling by train. (more)

Travelling by train \_\_\_\_\_

4. The other people in my office are much younger than me. (far)

I am \_\_\_\_\_

5. No students in the class is more intelligent than John. (most)

John \_\_\_\_\_

6. The table and the desk are the same size. (big)

The table \_\_\_\_\_

7. I thought the station was nearer. (than)

The station \_\_\_\_\_

8. I've never had a better friend than you. (the)

You are \_\_\_\_\_

