

## Exploring the topic

# THAT'S A RECORD! READ AND BE AMAZED!

- 1 The driest place in the world is the Atacama Desert in Chile. Usually it only rains every 100 years! If you visit, don't forget to take warm clothes. The temperature is between 0 and 25 degrees Celsius.
- 2 Mauna Loa, on Hawaii, is the largest volcano on Earth. The volcano's name means "long mountain" in Hawaiian. Mauna Loa's last big eruption was in 1984.
- 3 The wettest place in the world is Mawsynram, a village in India. It gets about 11.8 meters of rain per year! On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1952, it rained almost one meter in 24 hours!
- 4 Monaco, in Europe, is the most crowded country in the world, with about 17,000 people per square kilometer. Australia only has about three people per square kilometer!
- 5 Lake Baikal in Siberia, Russia, is the deepest lake on Earth. It is 1,637 meters deep. Lake Baikal is also the oldest lake in the world. It's about 25 million years old!
- 6 The Rio de la Plata is the widest river in the world. It's between Argentina and Uruguay. At the river's widest point, it's about 220 kilometers wide.
- 7 Commonwealth Bay in Antarctica is the windiest place on Earth. The wind is sometimes faster than 200 kilometers per hour! That's amazing!



## Reading

1 CLICK ON THE NUMBER AND LISTEN TO THE TEXTS. MATCH THE PICTURES TO THE TEXTS

2 READ THE TEXTS AND CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER.

1 It is a very wide river.

Rio de la Plata

2 It rains a lot every year here.

3 It's very dry.

4 It isn't a very crowded country.

5 It's very cold and very windy.



6 It has a volcano named "long mountain".

CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER.

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1 How old is Lake Baikal?

25 million years old

2 What does "Mauna Loa" mean?

3 What is the temperature in the Atacama Desert?

4 Where is the Rio de la Plata?

5 How fast can the wind blow in Commonwealth Bay?

6 How much rain falls every year in Mawsynram?