2 **Check these words/phrases in the Word List. Use five of them to complete the gaps.** CHECK

- thunder
- plunge into
- natural wonders
- rainbows
- unique experience
- tourist attraction
- named

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3 Every minute 200 million litres of water _____ a gorge.

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5 A visit to the waterfall is a _____.

3 **a) Which of the sentences below are true about Victoria Falls?**

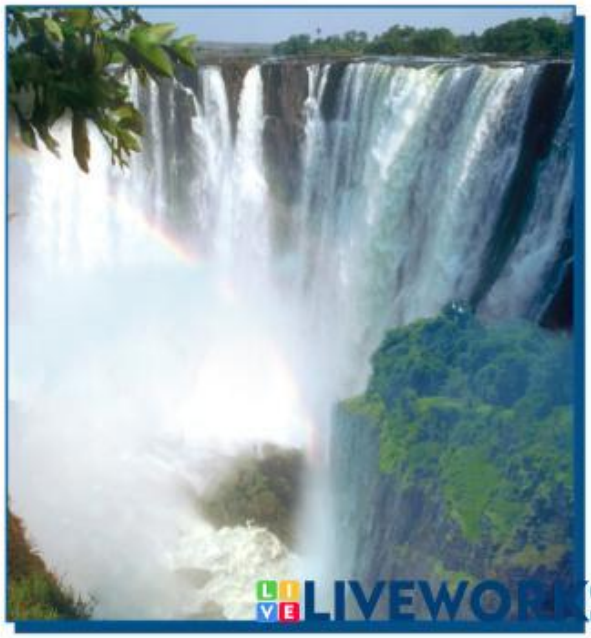
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Check these words

- *exploration* • *circulate* • *dare*
- *venture* • *stumble upon*
- *witness* • *gaze* • *name after*
- *plunge* • *gorge* • *undoubtedly*
- *unique* • *spectacular*
- *magnificence*

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A Before the exploration of Africa in the 19th century, myths and legends circulated around Europe about the continent. Europeans knew very little about this vast **mass** of land as few travellers had ever dared venture into its mysterious interior. One enthusiastic Scottish explorer by the name of Dr David Livingstone was passionate about Africa and extremely **eager** to discover its secrets. Little did he know what marvels he would find.

B Dr Livingstone was sent to South Africa in 1840 as a **medical missionary**. He would end up spending a large part of his life there. Between 1842 and 1846, he explored south and central Africa and became the first European to travel across the **entire** country West to East. On 16th November 1855, Dr Livingstone **stumbled upon** a huge waterfall. He described it as the most wonderful sight he had seen in Africa. "No one can imagine the beauty of the view from anything **witnessed** in England. It had never been seen before by European eyes; but scenes so lovely must have been gazed upon by angels in flight," he later wrote. The waterfall was known to the local people as 'the smoke that thunders'. But Livingstone named it Victoria Falls after his queen.

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C Victoria Falls **is located** in the national park of the same name in southern Africa on the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. While it is neither the highest nor the widest waterfall in the world, it is the largest. The falls itself is 1,708 m wide and 108 m in height. This makes it the biggest single sheet of falling water on the planet. Every minute, 500 million litres of water plunge 100 m into a narrow **gorge**. The spray from the falls rises to a height of 400 m and can be seen up to 50 km away.

D The waterfall is undoubtedly one of the most magnificent natural spectacles in the world. Consequently, it has become a very popular tourist attraction. Victoria Falls is considered one of the seven natural **wonders** of the world and the entire national park is a UNESCO **World Heritage Site**. A visit to Victoria Falls is a truly unique experience. The noise from the water falling sounds like thunder and the air above it seems as if it is filled with clouds of smoke. Spectacular rainbows form in the skies above it in all seasons and the natural beauty of the surrounding area **adds** even more to its **magnificence**. Around 300,000 people visit the falls every year. All stand before the falls in awe, just as Dr Livingstone did over 150 years ago.

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5 **In your own words, and based on the text, answer the questions. Do not copy from the text.**

? **1** Why did Dr Livingstone go to Africa?

? **2** What was Dr Livingstone's reaction when he first saw the waterfall?

? **3** Why did Dr Livingstone call the waterfall Victoria Falls?

? **4** Why did the locals call it 'the smoke that thunders'?

5 Where would you expect to find this kind of text?

Complete the text with the words below. CHECK

incredible	opportunity	ever	falls
unique	plunge	natural	shocked

Victoria Falls in Africa is one of the seven **1)** _____ wonders of the world. A man named Dr Livingstone, a doctor, was the first European to **2)** _____ see the falls. He was **3)** _____ when he saw them. He could hear the **4)** _____ before he could see them because 500 million litres of water **5)** _____ into the gorge below which makes a(n) **6)** _____ roaring sound. Dr Livingstone named the falls after Queen Victoria. If you have the **7)** _____ to visit the falls do so — it is a(n) **8)** _____ experience.

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