



ENGLISH

Chapter 10

5th
SECONDARY

Natural World



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Natural world

WDYT?
(What do you think?)

What is the best
way to enjoy
nature?

Places

- 1**  Look at the words in the box. Can you add any more to the list?
Answer the questions.

2 2 4 5 3 5
beach coast desert forest hill jungle
lake mountain ocean river volcano
1 3 1 1 3

Which ... ?

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 are water | 4 is a very dry place |
| 2 are found near water | 5 have lots of trees together |
| 3 are high places | |

- 3**  Read the quiz and check the meaning of the words in bold.

ARE YOU A SURVIVOR?

- 1** You're skiing in the mountains when there's an **avalanche**. You ...
 - a** start skiing away.
 - b** find a big rock or tree to hold on to.
- 2** There's a **volcanic eruption** when you're visiting a nearby city. You ...
 - a** carry on looking around.
 - b** get out of there as fast as you can.
- 3** You're hiking through a **canyon** when there's a **tornado** and heavy rain. There's going to be a **flash flood**. You ...
 - a** hide in a **cave** and scream for help.
 - b** find a high place to climb up.

4

You're exploring a **harbor** on an island.

You think you see a **tsunami**, so you ...

a swim out to the **coral reef** and hide there.

b climb the nearest hill – fast!

5

You're in a boat on a river when you come to a small **cliff** with a **waterfall**. You ...

a decide to stay in the boat.

b go to the **riverbank** to evaluate what to do next.

6

There's a **drought** after a **heatwave** and you're out walking in the countryside when you see a **wildfire** in the distance. You ...

a continue walking in the area.

b look for the **shore** of a nearby lake and get in the water.

7

You're at home during an **earthquake**. You ...

a run outside to get safe.

b hide under a heavy table.

8

If there was a **landslide**, you would ...

a go outside to see the damage.

b leave quickly and avoid rivers and **valleys**.

5 Complete the table with the words in bold from the quiz.

Geographical features	Natural disasters
<i>canyon</i> cave harbor coral reef cliff waterfall riverbank shore valleys	<i>avalanche</i> volcanic tornado eruption flash flood tsunami drought heatwave wildfire earthquake landslide

6 Complete the sentences with words in bold from the quiz.

- 1 During a **drought**, there is very little or no rain, which means there isn't much water to drink.
- 2 A **tsunami** is a very large wave which is caused by an earthquake.
- 3 An **earthquake** is a sudden shaking of the ground.
- 4 In an **avalanche**, snow moves very fast down a mountain.

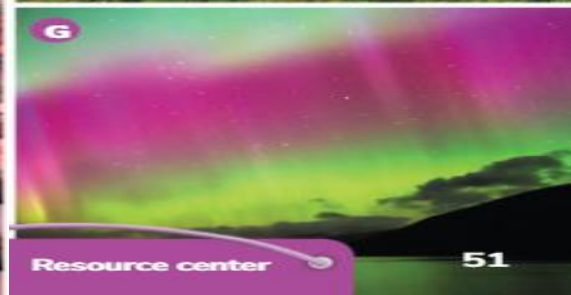
6 Complete the sentences with words in bold from the quiz.

- 5 A **flash flood** when water from a river or the rain covers places suddenly and unexpectedly.
- 6 A **wildfire** starts in the countryside and can spread quickly and in an uncontrolled way.
- 7 A **tornado** is an extremely strong wind that spins around.
- 8 During a **landslide** a large amount of earth and rocks falls down the side of a mountain or steep slope.

9  Watch the video. What geographical features do you see?



THE 7 WONDERS



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The longer read

2 Match 1-7 to a photo on p51.

1 the Grand Canyon

c

2 the Great Barrier Reef

a

3 the northern lights

g

4 the harbor of Rio de Janeiro

f

5 Mount Everest

e

6 Parícutín

b

7 Victoria Falls

d

THE 7 WONDERS



The Seven Natural Wonders of the World were chosen in a global popularity poll and with so many amazing options to choose from, it can't have been easy to decide which places to vote for. All these incredible sights are definitely on our bucket list, so we had to write about them

1 The northern lights are unusual because you can see them from different places and they're in the sky rather than on land. They're actually there all the time, but you can't see them unless the conditions are right. Then amazing lights appear to move across the sky, constantly changing. In the past, people thought they could be magic, but scientists now know they're caused by solar particles.



Did you know that ² Paricutín in Mexico is the only volcano that humans have ever seen form? Now almost 424 m high, it started as a two-meter high volcano that appeared during an eruption in 1943. It's been inactive since 1952, so geologists were able to study it from creation to extinction.



At over 400 km long, ³ The grand canyon in the USA is one of the biggest wonders and you

can hike or raft along parts of it. There are strict laws to protect wildlife, so you must not feed any animals and you should watch out for snakes. Going on a helicopter tour here is definitely a luxury worth paying for, we think.



With over 100 islands and stretching over 30 km, ⁴the harbor of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil is a beautiful place to explore. You don't have to go on a boat trip to enjoy it - you can climb to the top of Corcovado for spectacular views. The 40 m high statue of Christ the Redeemer there has helped make this wonder a top tourist attraction.



5 Victoria Falls

, on the border of Zambia and Zimbabwe, is one of the largest waterfalls

in the world – that alone makes it worth a visit. It's 1.7 km wide and 108 m high. During

the wet season, you can see the powerful spray from 50 km away! The best time to see

it is probably during a full moon when a night-time rainbow forms, creating an

unforgettable sight.



At over 8,848 m high, ⁶ **Mount Everest** is perhaps the most famous natural wonder.

Located between Nepal and Tibet, it's the highest mountain in the world and climbers weren't able to reach the top until 1953. To climb it, you have to be extremely fit.

Luckily, there are great views of this giant from a distance, which in our opinion is the best way to enjoy it.



7 The Great Barrier Reef covers about 344,000 km² and is home to many species of marine life - its size and the fact that it has over 1,500 species of fish, around 400 types of coral and 240 bird species make it totally unique. Diving in one of the 3,000 coral reefs there is perhaps one of the most incredible experiences you'll ever have.

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Subskill: Identifying fact and opinion

Facts can be proved to be true. Opinions are things people think or believe, so they are neither correct nor incorrect.

4 Read the guide again. Are sentences 1–8 facts (F) or opinions (O)?

1 The northern lights are caused by solar particles.

F

2 Paricutín appeared in an eruption in 1943.

F

3 The harbor in Rio de Janeiro is a beautiful place to explore.

O

4 You can see the spray from the Victoria Falls from far away in the wet season.

F

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5 The best time to see the Victoria Falls is at full moon.

 O

6 Mount Everest is the most famous natural wonder.

 O

7 Diving in the Great Barrier Reef is the most incredible experience.

 O

5 Are the sentences true or false? Correct the false sentences.

- 1 The northern lights are always visible. F
- 2 Parícutín is almost 422 m taller now than when it first appeared. T
- 3 You can hike along all of the Grand Canyon. F
- 4 The Victoria Falls is by far the biggest waterfall in the world. F
- 5 The Great Barrier Reef is one huge coral reef that covers 344,000 km². F

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Word work

Match the definitions with the words in bold in the guide.

- 1 travel on a small light boat, usually made of plastic
- 2 a place to visit that is very popular with visitors
- 3 an occasion when a lot of people are asked about an issue to assess how popular something is
- 4 extremely impressive
- 5 a list of things you want to do in your lifetime
- 6 the situation when an animal or plant no longer exists, or a volcano is no longer active
- 7 many drops of water forced into the air together

Extinction

Spray

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