

# 6 Places

## Vocabulary | places and geographical features

- 1 Read the text about Madrid and put the underlined words in the correct sentences.

The (1) population of Spain is Madrid. It is (2) capital in the centre of the country and it is one of the top tourist (3) remains in Europe. Madrid is an old city and archaeologists have found ancient (4) situated under the city. The mountains to the north of Madrid are in an area of great (5) destinations beauty and the (6) spaces to the south of Madrid is very flat. The (7) landscape of Madrid is between four and five million people. There are some beautiful green (8) natural in the city like the Retiro park.



- 2 Complete the sentences using the words in the box.

bay beaches cliffs coast forest island  
lake mountain peninsula river sea

- 1 Australia is the biggest island in the world.
- 2 The Nile is the longest river in the world.
- 3 The highest mountain in the Alps is Mont Blanc.
- 4 The mountains of Canada are covered in a thick forest.
- 5 The long, white beaches in Brazil are beautiful.
- 6 The Caspian Sea is surrounded by land so it is, in fact, the world's biggest lake.
- 7 The city of Odessa, Ukraine, is on the Black sea.
- 8 There's a great view of the coast from there – you can see the sea and the beach.
- 9 Spain and Portugal form the Iberian peninsula.
- 10 Madagascar is a big island off the east coast of Africa.
- 11 There are lots of tall, rocky cliffs in the west of Ireland.

## Grammar | will, may and might: prediction

- 3 Find the mistakes in five of the sentences and correct them.

- 1 I might ~~to~~ finish it later if I have time.
- 2 He ~~will~~ win't win the game tomorrow if he plays like that.
- 3 They may not buy the car this year – I don't think they have the money.
- 4 I might go not to the cinema this evening if there's a good film on.
- 5 I'm sure they may join the company next year.
- 6 I'm certain they'll win the league next year. They've got some great players.
- 7 I ~~might~~ start work early on Thursday.
- 8 I'm not certain but I might see her tomorrow.

- 4 Choose the correct alternative.

- 1 I am going out to lunch. I see you / I'll see you later.
- 2 The weather is getting better. I think I'll go / I go to the beach this weekend.
- 3 Will you stay / Do you stay in the same hotel when you come back next month?
- 4 I am very tired. I'll finish / I finish this report tomorrow.
- 5 Is that the phone ringing? I'll get / I get it.
- 6 I love sport. I do / I'll do lots of sports at weekends.
- 7 My mother is in hospital, so I visit / I'll visit her every day.
- 8 I haven't spoken to Jenny for ages. I send / I'll send her a postcard.

## Pronunciation | contractions: will

- 5 a Mark the contractions in these sentences.

I will see you on Monday!

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- 1 It will be cold again tomorrow.
- 2 They will eat a lot more on holiday.
- 3 I will have the club sandwich.
- 4 She will be here at about 9:30.
- 5 I think you will pass the exam easily.
- 6 He will be lucky if he gets good weather in Scotland.

- b 18 Listen and check your answers. Practise saying the sentences.



## Reading

- 6** a You are going to read about two tourist destinations: Switzerland and Western Australia. Before you read, answer the questions (1–5). Write S if you think the answer is Switzerland or WA if you think the answer is Western Australia.

Where ...

- 1 do people speak different languages in different cities? **S**
- 2 can you explore the desert? **WA**
- 3 can you find beautiful beaches? **WA**
- 4 can you visit lakes in the mountains? **S**
- 5 can you swim with dolphins? **WA**

- b** Read the texts to check your answers.

- 7** Mark these sentences true (T), false (F) or no information (NI).

Switzerland

- 1 The north is more beautiful than the south. **NI**
- 2 The main language in Bern is German. **T**
- 3 It's difficult to travel from one city to another city. **F**

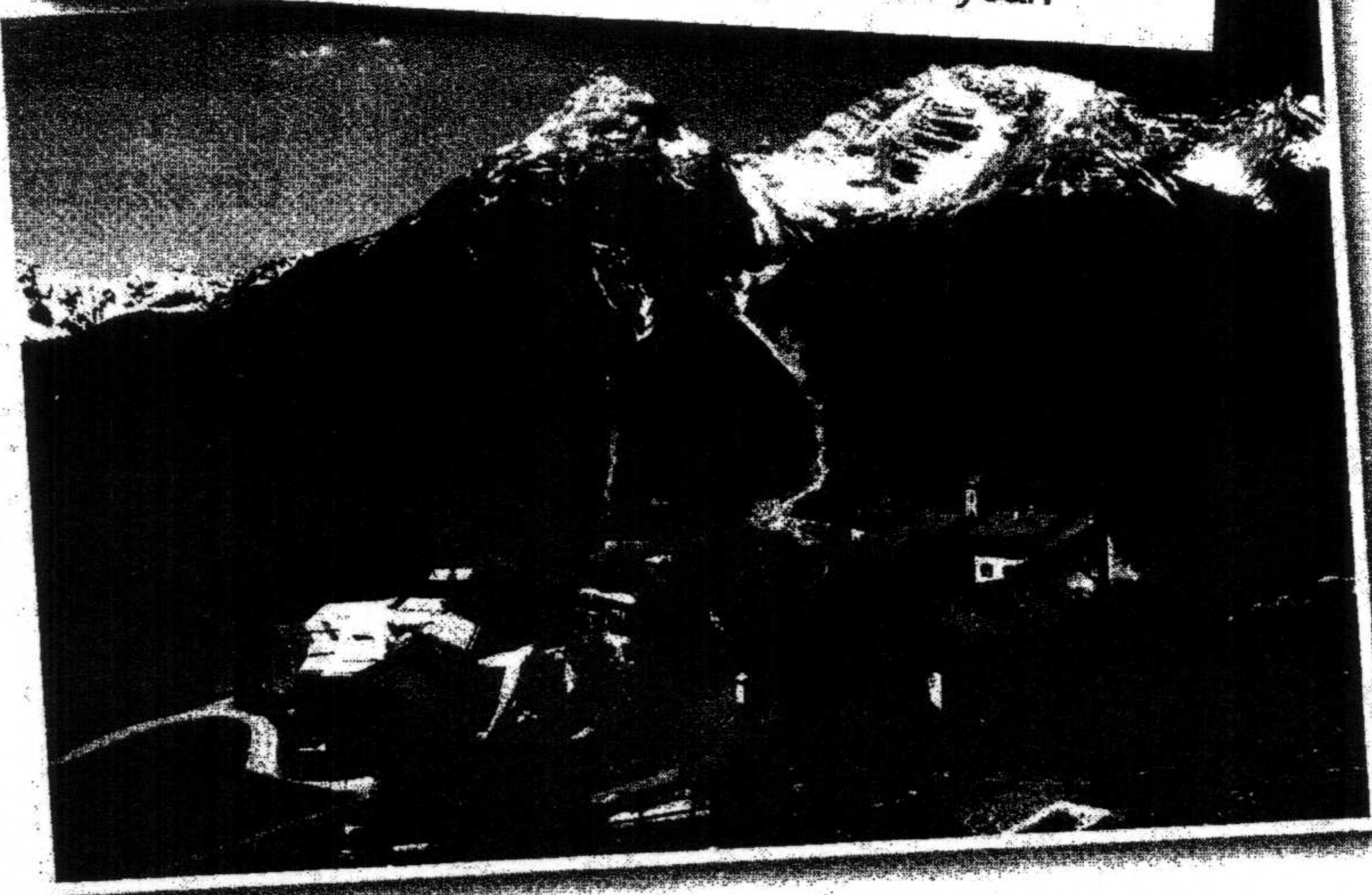
Western Australia

- 4 Outback is a town. **F**
- 5 Perth is the capital of Western Australia. **T**
- 6 There are a lot of pubs. **NI**

- 8** Phrases (1–6) in the text are useful ways of describing a tourist destination. Match (1–6) to a similar phrase (a–f) below.

- a It's a good idea to start your holiday ... **6**
- b well-known because of ... **3**
- c In the south/east/west ... **2**
- d Visit ... in order to ... **5**
- e There are some very famous/beautiful/expensive places. This is one of them. **1**
- f Tourists like to visit this place all year. **4**

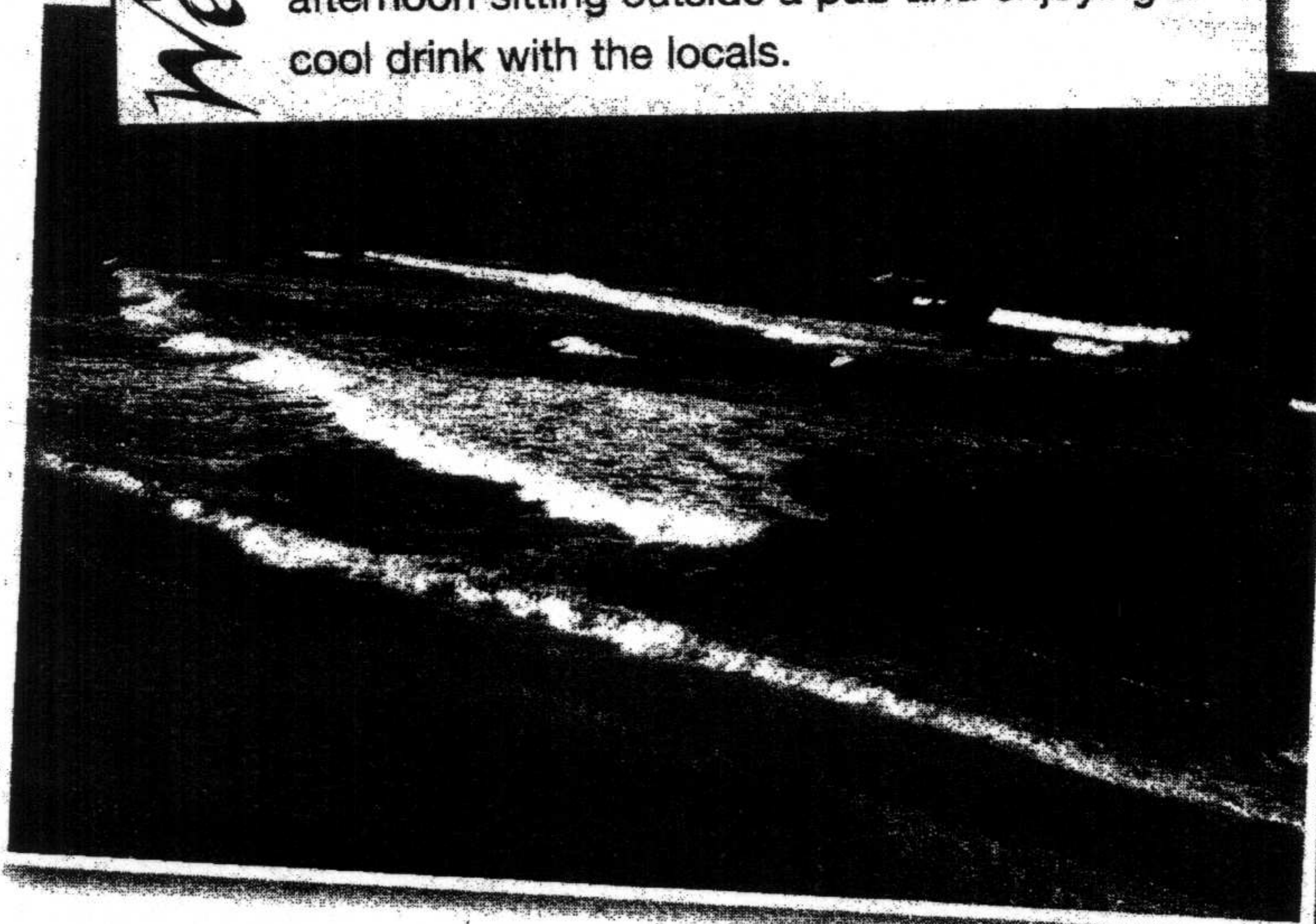
**Switzerland** is (1) one of Europe's most beautiful countries. Cities like Zurich seem like a concrete jungle, and then you look up and see the wonderful mountains of the Alps. (2) In the north the landscape has a natural beauty, with green fields and villages which look like the pictures on a chocolate box. Each of Switzerland's main cities has a different character, from French-speaking Geneva to German Bern to Italian Lugano. Swiss people (3) are famous for their efficiency, so travelling around the country is easy. Switzerland's beautiful lakes, clean air, and fields full of flowers (4) attract visitors throughout the year.



**Western Australia**

Sun, adventure, a beautiful environment and friendly people. This is what you'll find on a holiday to Western Australia.

Western Australia has a natural beauty, long days of sunshine, clear blue skies, and fantastic beaches. (5) Come to Western Australia to swim with wild dolphins, walk through the ancient forest, or sleep under the stars in the Outback desert. (6) Why not start your holiday in the capital city of Western Australia, Perth? You can spend an afternoon sitting outside a pub and enjoying a cool drink with the locals.





## Listening

- 1 19 Cover the audioscript. Listen to the dialogue between James and Anna about the film *Invictus*. Mark the sentences J if James gives the opinion, A if Anna gives the opinion or B if both of them give the opinion.

- 1 Morgan Freeman was excellent in the film. **A**
- 2 Matt Damon doesn't act very well. **A**
- 3 Matt Damon does a good South African accent. **J**
- 4 It is difficult for an actor to act as a sportsman. **J**
- 5 Matt Damon went to the gym to prepare for the film. **J**
- 6 It's an amazing story. **A**
- 7 Clint Eastwood is a great director. **A**

## AUDIOSCRIPT

James: Have you seen the Clint Eastwood film about Mandela and the Rugby World Cup?

Anna: Yeah, I saw it last week.

James: I just saw it yesterday. What did you think?

Anna: Well, I didn't know anything about the Rugby World Cup and the film taught me a lot about that and about South Africa. For instance, I didn't know that rugby was really only played by whites and that there was only one black player on the national team at the time.

James: Yeah, Chester Williams. And he nearly missed the match because he was injured.

Anna: It's such a great story! And I thought Morgan Freeman was excellent as usual.

James: I think so too. I think he was very convincing as Mandela. What did you think of Matt Damon as Pienaar, the rugby captain?

Anna: Well, in my opinion this was the weak part of the film. Well, I don't think Damon acts very well in the film. He doesn't seem very real as a rugby player.

James: I don't agree. I think it is very difficult to act as a sportsman if you aren't one. And I think he does an OK job. And his South African accent is very good.

Anna: Well, I'm not sure I agree with you there, but he does look very big in the film.

James: Yes, apparently he was in the gym a lot before he started acting.

Anna: The thing that I thought was most incredible was the fact that South Africa won the World Cup as well, when most people thought they weren't going to win. It's an amazing story.

James: Yes, absolutely amazing ...

Anna: And Clint Eastwood is a great director. I wonder what his next film will be about.



## Grammar | countable and uncountable nouns

- 2 Complete the sentences using the words in the box.

a few many any (x2) some much a little  
a lot of (x2)

- 1 They aren't doing anything because they haven't got any work at the moment.
- 2 There aren't many people in the library today. I can only see three or four students.
- 3 Are there any vegetables in your garden or are there only flowers? much
- 4 Does your garden get any sunshine? a little
- 5 For a small plant you only need a little soil.
- 6 He must have a lot of money – he's got a great house and a really expensive car.
- 7 It's a very small prison – there are only a few prisoners here.
- 8 The baby elephant needs to eat a lot of food to grow normally.
- 9 I need to go to the bank to get some money.

- 3 Tom is asking Ailsa about the ingredients he needs to make a Spanish omelette. Read the conversation and choose the correct alternative.

Tom: So if I'm going to make a Spanish omelette, what do I need?

Ailsa: You need (1) some/much eggs and a (2) little/few salt. You also need quite (3) a lot of/many potatoes if you want to make a big omelette but only a (4) little/few if it is going to be a small one.

Tom: Have you got (5) any/much eggs?

Ailsa: You might want to get some more. Oh and I don't have (6) many/much potatoes, so you'll have to buy some.

Tom: What about milk?

Ailsa: Some people like to add a (7) little/few milk. I haven't got (8) much/many milk so maybe buy a litre or two. Oh and if you like, you can get a (9) few/little onions – it's delicious if you add them in.

