

VOCABULARY Describing scenery**1 Match the definitions with the nouns in the box.**

cliff	crater	dune	glacier	gorge	plain
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- 1 a hole at the top of a volcano
- 2 a small hill of sand found in the desert or by the beach
- 3 a wide, flat area of land
- 4 a very deep valley, usually with a river running through it
- 5 a high, steep rock face, often next to the sea or part of a mountain
- 6 a slowly moving mass of ice

2 Complete the sentences with the correct words from exercise 1.

- 1 A variety of sea birds have built their nests on rocky ledges on the
- 2 The are constantly changing shape as the wind blows.
- 3 The was formed at the peak when Mount Etna first erupted.
- 4 In the summer, many visitors like to kayak down the river in the
- 5 You can see for miles and miles across the wide, where bison used to graze hundreds of years ago.
- 6 Many are melting rapidly because of climate change.

3 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 I saw below me a landscape of soft, rolling
 - 2 This was once an area of dense
 - 3 As a child I would follow the dirt
 - 4 There were several rocky
 - 5 We were impressed by the breathtaking
 - 6 I couldn't wait to jump into the crystal clear
- a scenery that we saw all over the island.
 - b beaches which we used to explore.
 - c hills which reminded me of home.
 - d sea that we had seen from the coastal road.
 - e woodland before it was all cut down.
 - f track through the woods to the village.

Language note *landscape* versus *scenery*

Landscape refers to the general appearance of a place, as in *a mountainous / flat / barren landscape*.

Scenery refers to things a landscape might contain, such as trees or waterfalls. We don't usually use *scenery* with negative adjectives: *beautiful scenery*, not *ugly scenery*.

LISTENING**4 8.1 Listen to a woman called Monique talking about rock-climbing. Who is she?**

- a an amateur rock climber
- b a rock-climbing instructor
- c a professional rock climber

5 Listen again. Tick (✓) the statements Monique agrees with.

- 1 I took up rock-climbing because friends encouraged me to do so.
- 2 I found climbing difficult at first.
- 3 Rock-climbing is always a competitive sport.
- 4 I train just as much on indoor climbing walls as I do on real rock faces.
- 5 Female rock climbers have certain physical advantages over men.
- 6 I have encountered little prejudice from male rock climbers.
- 7 I believe that rock climbers probably reach their peak by 40.
- 8 My immediate plan is to improve my time on a climb I've done before.

DEVELOPING CONVERSATIONS

Emphatic tags

6 Find and correct five mistakes in the emphatic tags in the sentences.

- a If I were you, I'd move back a bit, I really wouldn't.
- b Mmm. The scenery can be incredibly varied, they really can.
- c Yes. Amazing. I love the sea, I really love.
- d We'll never make it, we really won't.
- e Incredible. I've never seen wildlife like this so close before, I really have never.
- f That sounds terrifying, it really is!

7 Complete the dialogues with the responses (a-f) in exercise 6.

- 1 A: I think we can get across the river if we go down a bit farther.
B:
- 2 A: Wow! Can you see those wolves by the rocks?
B:
- 3 A: Standing here on the edge of the cliff, I can see for miles and miles.
B:
- 4 A: Our helicopter flew over the crater just as the volcano started erupting.
B:
- 5 A: The bay looks so calm.
B:
- 6 A: We've seen so much so far. Waterfalls, gorges, mountains ...
B:

PRONUNCIATION Strong and weak forms

Language note strong and weak forms

Many function words (which include auxiliary verbs, pronouns, articles and some modal verbs) have strong and weak pronunciations.

We use a strong form when the word

- is emphasised
- appears at the end of a sentence
- is said on its own.

You can see for miles and miles from there, you really can.
/cæn/ /cæn/

8 Circle the underlined words that have a strong form of pronunciation.

- 1 The mountains are awesome, they really are.
2 It is normally safe but sometimes problems do occur.
3 'Did you see James? Was he on the tour?'
'He was, but she wasn't.'
4 The scenery can be stunning, it really can.
5 You're not well, are you?

9 **8.2 Listen and check. Practise saying the sentences.**

GRAMMAR Auxiliaries

10 Quickly read the conversation, ignoring the gaps.
Which adjective best describes the landscape?

- a forested
b arid
c mountainous
d coastal

A: It looks like it's going to be a pretty good day for a hike, ¹..... it? What with all the rain we've had recently, you probably didn't imagine we'd be setting out today. Neither ²..... I, in fact. But here we are. Well, anyway, as you know, we'll be heading up the gorge this afternoon and staying in a cabin at the foot of the slopes. It actually has proper beds.

B: ³..... it? Great! I thought we'd be sleeping on the floor.

A: No, it'll be a comfortable first night at least. Now, one thing I ⁴..... have to make clear is that when crossing the river, you must stay within reach of one another while ⁵..... so. The water can be treacherous and I wouldn't want to lose anyone!

B: Neither ⁶..... we!

A: Now, if you've been here before, you'll know that weather near the peak can be incredibly changeable, ⁷ it? So the one thing that I can't emphasise enough is to be careful. While most hikers return without incident, occasional problems ⁸ occur. Most of you will have arrived with the right equipment, but I suspect not all of you ⁹ ! Luckily, there's a shop just near here which sells everything you'll need.

B: ¹⁰ there? Can we go there first?

11 Complete the conversation in exercise 10 with the correct auxiliary verbs.