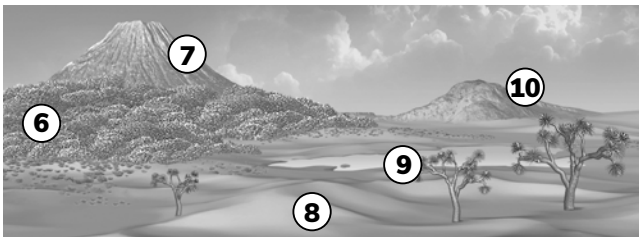


Places

- 1 ☆ Label 1–10 with the words in the box. There is one extra word.

beach coast desert forest hill jungle lake mountain ocean ~~river~~ volcano



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| 1 <u>river</u> | 6 _____ |
| 2 _____ | 7 _____ |
| 3 _____ | 8 _____ |
| 4 _____ | 9 _____ |
| 5 _____ | 10 _____ |

Natural world

- 2 ☆ Circle the correct option.

- A **flash flood**/tornado/**tsunami** is a violent storm with strong winds.
- In a(n) **avalanche**/**wildfire**/**volcanic eruption** snow moves fast down a mountain.
- During a(n) **earthquake**/**drought**/**landslide** it doesn't rain for long periods of time.
- A **harbor**/**coral reef**/**waterfall** is where a river flows over a cliff or down from a high place.
- A **canyon**/**cliff**/**cave** is a long deep valley made of rock.
- A **shore**/**valley**/**harbor** is an area of water where it is safe for boats to stay.
- A **river bank**/**heatwave**/**drought** is the land on either side of water moving over land.

- 3 ☆☆ Complete the text with one word in each blank.

Natural wonders

What's your favorite natural wonder?

Check out our list – and send us your own ideas!

#1 The rocky Dun Aengus cliffs on an island off the coast of Ireland are stunning. They have amazing views and a natural pool below. At their highest point, they reach about 100 m above the water and there are ancient ruins there.

#2 It isn't the highest, but Niagara Falls is one of the most beautiful _____ in the world – over 2.8 million liters of water flow over every second!

#3 Motlatsi _____ in South Africa has a river running through it. It's famous for the colorful rock formations along the side wall. It's around 25 km long and 750 m deep.

#4 Ha Long Bay in Vietnam contains over 1,000 islands, many of which are tall rocky formations. Some have _____ you can explore, but take a torch and go with a guide. This incredible place has some natural _____ for boats. It's good for diving, and has fantastic _____ to see marine life.

#5 If you want to visit an active volcano, go to Mount Bromo in Java. There have been a few _____ in recent years, although it's usually safe to visit. It's famous for its incredible sunrise views.

#6 Peyto Lake in Banff National Park in Canada has incredible views of the surrounding mountains and the _____ between them.

- 4 ☆☆☆ Complete the questions with a suitable word in the correct form. Then answer the questions for you.

- What should/shouldn't you do in a heatwave? Do you like very hot weather?

- Are there ever _____ in your country? Is water shortage a problem everywhere?

- Have you been inside a _____ underground? What was the experience like?

Words that are nouns and verbs

- 1 ☆ Complete the words, which can all be nouns or verbs, with the missing vowels.

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 r _ e _ s _ c _ u _ e _ | 10 n _ _ m _ _ |
| 2 ch _ _ ll _ _ ng _ _ | 11 _ _ mp _ _ ct |
| 3 r _ _ s _ _ _ rch | 12 d _ _ m _ _ nd |
| 4 pr _ _ gr _ _ ss | 13 ch _ _ ng _ _ |
| 5 s _ _ rpr _ _ s _ _ | 14 br _ _ _ k |
| 6 s _ _ sp _ _ ct | 15 p _ _ rm _ _ t |
| 7 _ _ ncr _ _ _ s _ _ | 16 f _ _ lm |
| 8 d _ _ cr _ _ _ s _ _ | 17 h _ _ lp |
| 9 a _ _ m | 18 _ _ bj _ _ ct |

- 2 ☆☆ Circle the correct option. Is the word a noun (N) or a verb (V)?



- The number of storms is expected to increase / **challenge** V not **demand/decrease** __, so we're in for some bad weather.
- I have to do some **research/rescue** __ for my school project. I've been working for hours; I need a **progress/break** __ before I do any more work.
- The police **demand/suspect** __ that he doesn't have a(n) **permit/object** __ to park there.
- I need some **challenge/help** __ to organize a party for my friend. It's a **surprise/change** __ so don't tell her!
- We watched a movie about a dramatic **help/rescue** __ of earthquake victims. It was a real **challenge/surprise** __ to reach everyone, but they managed. It made a big **surprise/impact** __ on us.
- Would you **increase/object** __ if I put down your **name/help** __ as a volunteer? There's been a huge **demand/permit** __ for more volunteers.
- We aren't making any **object/progress** __ with our business. I think we need to **change/break** __ our **aim/decrease** __.

- 3 ☆☆ Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There is one extra word.

breaks challenged change ~~name~~
object progress suspected

- Being physically active has many benefits: it strengthens muscles and improves heart health, to name just two.
- It _____ my heart to see people leaving trash in the countryside.
- Spending time in the natural world is a huge _____ for me – I rarely go outdoors.
- Have you made any _____ with your science project?
- I _____ that they weren't telling the truth, but I wasn't sure.
- Would you _____ if I open the window?

- 4 ☆☆☆ Complete the text with the correct form of the words in the box. There are two extra words.

aim break challenge decrease
demand help impact increase permit
~~research~~ surprise

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VIRTUAL NATURE

1 Research has shown that being in nature is good for us. It 2 _____ our physical and mental health positively and can 3 _____ stress and anxiety, so we feel less stressed or anxious. But what can you do if you can't get outside or don't have time to travel? Virtual tours might be the solution. These tours 4 _____ you to experience natural or expensive wonders from your own home. Do you want to fly over an active volcano? How about a dive around a coral reef? Well, you can. There are plenty of websites to choose from; some use live webcams you can watch. More people than ever want eco-friendly travel, so the 5 _____ for this sort of tour has also 6 _____ as people see it as a way of protecting natural wonders. Although the original 7 _____ of virtual tours wasn't health-related, experts have concluded that virtual tours of nature do 8 _____. With so many amazing virtual tours available, the 9 _____ will be to choose which ones to go on!

Perfect modals

1 ☆ Circle the correct option.

- We didn't study much for the test. We could have done/couldn't have done a lot more.
- Rijin didn't go to the party and now she regrets it. She **should have gone/shouldn't have gone**.
- I promised Izzy I wouldn't tell anyone, but I told Max. I **should have told/shouldn't have told** him.
- Why didn't you tell me you didn't understand the math question? I **would have helped/wouldn't have helped** you.

2 ☆☆ Complete the sentences with the correct affirmative or negative perfect form of the modal verb and the verbs in parentheses.

- Sandra missed her plane. She should have left (should / leave) earlier.
- Gino _____ (would / go) to the movies with you, but he didn't know you were going.
- We _____ (could / play) football yesterday even if we had wanted to because the weather was so bad.
- There won't be enough food for everyone. You _____ (should / invite) so many people!
- I knew the answer. I _____ (could / tell) you, but I didn't.

3 ☆☆☆ Complete the mini dialogues. Use a modal verb and the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

- We went to the mountains, but we couldn't go out at all. We wouldn't have gone (go), but we forgot to check the weather forecast.
- Jenny loves art. She _____ (enter) the competition, but she decided not to.
- Oh, no! The window's broken. You _____ (throw) the ball at it.
- Yusuf's project's due in next week and he hasn't started yet. He _____ (start) two weeks ago. I wish he hadn't left it so late.
- Sam didn't know Jack was coming or he _____ (eat) all the cake. He _____ (leave) some for him.

4 ☆☆☆ Complete the text. Use a perfect modal verb and the correct form of the verbs in the box. There is one extra verb.

commit die do evacuate happen
know make survive take



Ludger Sylbaris, who was a criminal on the island of Martinique, was in prison on May 7, 1902. If he hadn't been there, he **1** would have died. The prison was in the town of Sainte-Pierre, which was near a volcano. There had been tremors for weeks, and the governor **2** _____ action, but he didn't. In fact, his orders stopped people from leaving the town. He **3** _____ that; it was a terrible mistake. The governor **4** _____ the town and sent people to safety, but he chose not to. A responsible governor **5** _____ the people stay. When the volcano erupted, many buildings were destroyed, but not the prison. Of course, Sylbaris **6** _____ any crimes in the first place, but being in prison saved him – he **7** _____ otherwise. Afterwards, Sylbaris was a changed man. He joined the circus and worked hard, which probably **8** _____ without that frightening experience.

5 ☆☆☆ Write sentences about you using different perfect modals.

- I shouldn't have gone to bed so late last night.
I'm tired today.
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____



Interesting vacations

Do you like vacationing in unusual places? If so, you should check these two out.



You might not have heard of it, but the volcanic island of Tristan da Cunha is perhaps the most **remote** inhabited island in the world. Lying in the Atlantic Ocean over 2,700 km from South Africa and around 3,230 km from South America, it has a population of around 300 people and few tourists ever visit. It has no deep-water harbor or airport and to reach it you have to take a seven-day boat trip each way. There are no hotels and it doesn't have an organized tourist industry, so what attracts visitors? If the chance to stay with local people, climb the 2,000 meter-high volcano, enjoy wonderful scenery or scuba dive reefs that few people have ever seen **appeals** to you, then this might be for you. You can also go on fishing and bird-watching trips with locals. In our view, it would be **remarkable** to spend time in such an incredible place.

Of course, you don't have to go to an isolated destination for a great vacation. The 137 Hawaiian Islands, which are located in the Pacific Ocean, form the only US state outside the mainland. With its warm climate, Hawaii attracts millions of tourists each year, most of whom visit one of four islands: Hawaii, Maui, Kauai or Oahu. Some come for the beaches, coral reefs and fantastic surfing, others to explore the stunning scenery, including active volcanoes, **towering** cliffs and beautiful waterfalls. There are plenty of flights to Hawaii or you can take a **cruise**, and there are accommodations to suit every budget. In our opinion, you definitely shouldn't miss a stay on Maui, which is the second-biggest island, and a trip to Kauai to explore Waimea Canyon. Although at 22.5 km long and 1,097 m deep it's not as big as The Grand Canyon, its views are unmissable and possibly more spectacular.



Where would you recommend for an interesting vacation?

- 1** ☆ 🔊 9 Read and listen to the travel blog.
Which oceans are the two places in?

- 2** ☆☆☆ Read the blog again and say if the sentences are about Tristan da Cunha (TC), Hawaii (H) or both (B).

- 1 Many tourists visit this place. H
- 2 Geographical features you can visit include a volcano and a canyon. —
- 3 You can go there by boat. —
- 4 There is beautiful scenery. —
- 5 There are no accommodations for tourists. —
- 6 Local people will take you to see wildlife. —

- 3** ☆☆☆ Match the words in bold in the blog with definitions 1–5.

- 1 unusual in a way that surprises or impresses you remarkable
- 2 far away from other cities, places or people —
- 3 much taller than the surrounding things or people —
- 4 attract you, make you like or want something —
- 5 a trip on a ship for pleasure, especially one that involves visiting various places —

► Subskill: Identifying fact and opinion

Facts can be proved to be true. Opinions are things people think or believe.

- 4** ☆☆☆ Are the sentences F (facts) or O (opinions)?

- 1 Tristan da Cunha is perhaps the most remote island with inhabitants in the world. O
- 2 It is 2,700 km from South Africa and is in the Atlantic Ocean. —
- 3 The island doesn't have a deep-water harbor. —
- 4 It is a remarkable place to visit. —
- 5 There are over 130 islands in the state of Hawaii. —
- 6 Four of the Hawaiian islands are most popular with visitors. —
- 7 You should definitely go to the second-biggest island, Maui. —
- 8 Waimea Canyon on Kauai is more spectacular than the Grand Canyon. —

- 5** ☆☆☆ Answer the questions for you.

- 1 Which of these places would you prefer to visit? Why?
—
- 2 If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? Why?
—

A radio show

► Subskill: Using prior knowledge

Before listening, think what you know about the topic and read the questions.

- 1** ☆ Look at the photo and headline. Then, read and answer the questions using what you know.



Fisherman survives sea nightmare

José Salvador Alvarenga has an incredible tale to tell. This fisherman...

- 1 What was Alvarenga's job?

- 2 What can you eat and drink at sea?

- 3 What can go wrong when you are at sea?

- 4 What do you think happens to Alvarenga?

- 2** ☆☆☆ 10 Listen to the radio show. Are the sentences T (true) or F (false)?

- 1 José Salvador Alvarenga decided to travel from Mexico to the Marshall Islands in a small boat. F
- 2 He spent 14 months at sea. _____
- 3 He had plenty of supplies and also caught fish and sea birds. _____
- 4 He wrote a book about his experiences. _____
- 5 In total Alvarenga traveled over 10,000 km. _____

- 3** ☆☆☆ Answer the questions. For question 4, give your own opinion.

- 1 How many days did Alvarenga spend at sea in total?
He spent 438 days at sea in total.
- 2 What happened after a couple of days?

- 3 What kind of research did Franklin do?

- 4 What do you think would be the most challenging thing about surviving at sea for a long period?

Giving instructions

- 1** ☆ Match 1–6 with a–f to make sentences.

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|---|------------------------|----------|
| 1 | You need to | <u>c</u> |
| 2 | Don't forget | — |
| 3 | Under no circumstances | — |
| 4 | Make sure | — |
| 5 | Whatever you do, | — |
| 6 | It's | — |
- a you pack the chargers for your devices.
b important to pack well.
c leave some space in the case.
d don't overfill your case.
e should you put valuables in your case.
f to take your passport.

- 2** ☆☆☆ Complete the mini dialogues with one word in each blank. There may be more than one possible answer.

- 1 A: I don't know what to take.
B: It helps to lay everything on the bed. Then think what you can _____ behind. Try _____ to overfill the case.
- 2 A: Why haven't you packed yet? You _____ have packed before now.
B: I know, but I'll do it quickly now.
A: Don't _____ to take your cell phone. Be _____ to take your charger.
- 3 A: _____ put all your clothes in two piles. What do you _____ need?
B: I don't really need these, I _____ do without them.
- 4 A: _____ to leave space for souvenirs.
B: Good idea. Thanks so much for your _____!

- 3** ☆☆☆ Read the task and then write a short dialogue. Include expressions for giving instructions.

Imagine a friend is going on an exchange trip to England. Help him/her to pack.

A description of a place

1 ☆ Circle the correct option.

- The village is **adventurous/charming**.
- If you are feeling **adventurous/unspoiled**, you should explore this area.
- The forests around the village are **mouth-watering/unspoiled**.
- The food in all the restaurants is **picturesque/mouth-watering**.
- It isn't easy to get to the lake, but the trip is definitely **charming/worthwhile**.
- All the houses in the village are **picturesque/worthwhile**.

2 ☆☆ Complete the descriptions with a/an, the or no article (-).

New York City is **1** an incredible city to explore and **2** _____ visitors love it because there's something for everyone. You can go on **3** _____ boat trip out to Ellis Island, visit one of **4** _____ many museums or go shopping in one of **5** _____ famous stores on Fifth Avenue. There are amazing restaurants where you can eat **6** _____ delicious food from all over **7** _____ world. There's plenty of **8** _____ culture in the city too – theaters, art galleries and concerts – so you won't be bored. Visiting New York City is **9** _____ experience you won't forget.

3 ☆☆☆ Research a place you would like to visit and write a description.

SUPER SKILLS



CRITICAL THINKING

Synthesizing information

Complete the tips with the words in the box.

brief compare keywords official
own present relevant sources

Look at different **1** sources to find **2** _____ information for your topic, using **3** _____ websites where possible. The best way to find useful websites is to search using **4** _____. Making **5** _____ notes will allow you to **6** _____ and contrast the information you find. Then, you can **7** _____ your arguments using your **8** _____ words.

Vocabulary review

Natural world

1 Complete the text with the words in the box. There are four extra words.

avalanche canyons cliff coral reef
drought harbor mountains ocean
~~shore~~ valleys volcanic eruption wildfire



WHAT'S YOUR DREAM VACATION?

I love water sports, so I'd like to stay near the

1 shore of a lake or near the

2 _____. Oh, and there would be a

3 _____ with lots of marine life to see!

Maybe there would be a **4** _____ with lots of small boats in it. **Carlotta, 15**

Somewhere I could hike! There would be rocky

5 _____ to walk through and

6 _____ between hills to explore, as well as

7 _____ to climb. I wouldn't go to a place with volcanoes, I wouldn't want to risk a

8 _____! **Max, 17**

Words that are nouns and verbs

2 Complete the mini dialogues with the correct form of the words in the box.

aim break challenge change decrease
demand help impact ~~increase~~ progress
rescue (x2) research surprise suspect

- The number of national parks in my area has increased. That's real _____.
- The mountain _____ team _____ two climbers yesterday. One of the climbers _____ his leg.
- Police officers want to talk to our neighbors. They are _____ in a crime.
- That survival story book really _____ me. I'm _____ it was so good after the reviews.
- I've _____ the topic of my _____. I want to write about nature documentaries. My friend has agreed to _____ me as he sees it as being a good _____ for him.
- This new invention _____ to _____ the negative effects of climate change. People have been _____ something like this for a long time.

Grammar review

Modal verbs

- Complete the sentences using the correct form of a modal verb and the verbs in parentheses. There may be more than one possible answer.
 - You can't climb up (climb up) the volcano, visitors aren't permitted.
 - You _____ (go) diving if you don't want to, it's optional.
 - It was a really clear night so we _____ (see) the stars perfectly.
 - It _____ (be) easy to decide which place to go to as the town has so many interesting places to visit.
 - He _____ (take) the bus – his parents gave him a lift in their car.
 - You _____ (hear) of Beerenberg volcano before, it isn't very famous.
 - Everest is over 8,000 m high – it _____ (be) easy to climb.
 - You _____ (leave) the camp at night. There are wild animals around and it's against the rules.
 - They saw the northern lights in Iceland. That _____ (be) amazing!
 - When we went to the mountains, we _____ (ski) because there had been an avalanche.

Perfect modals

- Complete the sentences with perfect modals and the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.
 - I didn't know we needed bread or I would have bought (buy) some when I went to the supermarket.
 - My hiking boots are too small, so I _____ (go) on the hike even if I'd wanted to.
 - Katia _____ (take) the bus, but she decided to walk instead.
 - I regret not going on a tour around the harbor. I _____ (go) last week.
 - I'm sorry I took that stone. I _____ (remove) it; that was the wrong thing to do.
 - Matt _____ (call) me yesterday, but he didn't have my number.

ROUND-UP

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Read the article and circle the correct option.

A lucky escape



Nature can be terrifying, but Ewa Wiśnierska, **1 that/who** is a German paraglider, had a lucky escape while she **2 trained/ was training** one day for the World Championships. Ewa **3 had practiced/had been practicing** for over two hours when she noticed a storm ahead. Worried that she **4 must/ might** be lifted high into a cloud by updraft (air rapidly moving up), Ewa **5 used to try/tried** to move away, but suddenly an updraft caught her and pushed her up fast. For 15 minutes she moved quickly upwards until she was higher than Everest, by far **6 higher/the highest** a paraglider **7 ever went/ has ever gone**. It **8 must have been/can't have been** easy for Ewa, but somehow she managed to stop her glider from collapsing. It was so cold Ewa's body began to freeze and she lost consciousness. Finally, the wind **9 stopped/had stopped** and she started going down. At about 7,000 m, Ewa woke up. She could hardly see or move and she **10 should have/could have** given up, but she didn't. Eventually, she **11 could/was able to** land safely – nearly 65 km away from where she **12 had started/ had been starting**. Ewa didn't stop paragliding and these days she **13 teaches/is teaching** the sport. Will she still **14 be doing/ have done** her favorite sport in ten years' time? She certainly **15 isn't planning/won't plan** to stop!

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SELF-EVALUATION

Read the objectives for this unit.
How well can you do each one?



- | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 I can talk about places and the natural world. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 I can use words that are verbs and nouns. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 I can use present and past modals. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 I can use perfect modal verbs. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 I can recognize facts and opinions when reading. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 I can use prior knowledge to help while listening. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 I can give instructions. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 I can write a description of a place. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you choose 😞, ask your teacher for extra help.