

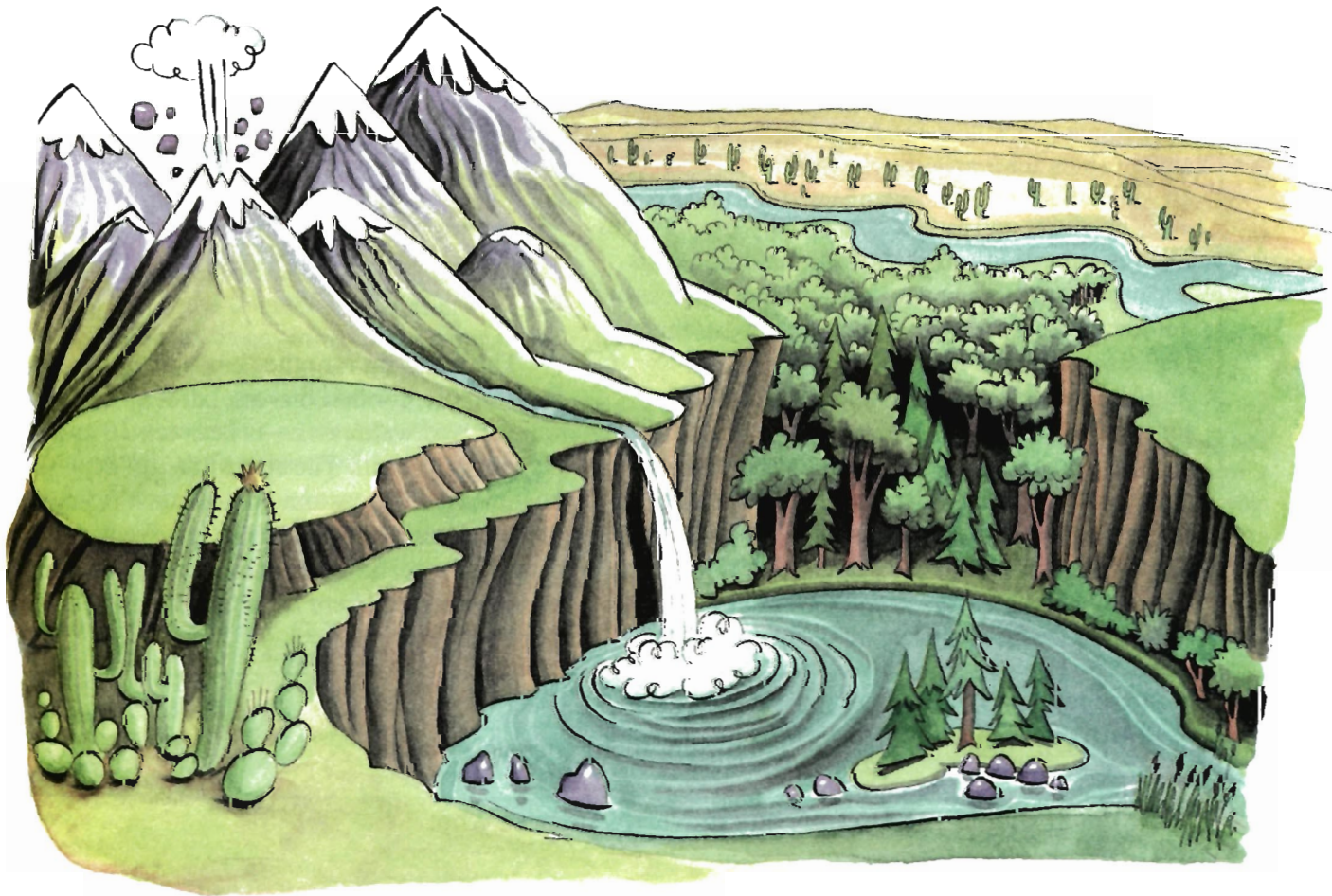
The biggest and the best!

1 WORD POWER Geography

A Circle the word that doesn't belong in each list. Then compare with a partner.

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| 1. canyon | 2. lake | 3. hill | 4. desert |
| cliff | plateau | mountain | forest |
| swamp | river | volcano | plains |
| valley | sea | ocean | waterfall |

B Find examples of some of the words above in this picture. What other geography words can you think of?



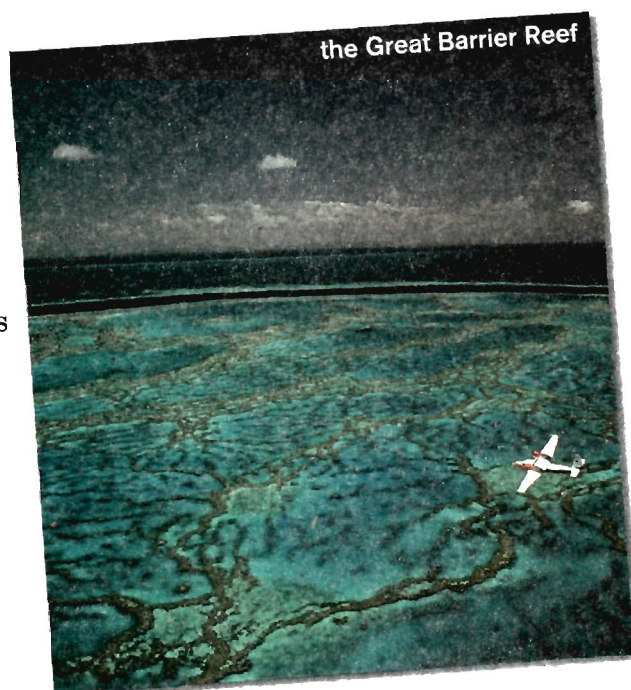
C Add two names to these lists. Then compare with a partner.

Mountains	Rivers	Continents	Oceans
Mount Everest.....	the Amazon River...	Africa.....	the Pacific Ocean...
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2 CONVERSATION Describing countries

 Listen and practice.

- Paul: I'm going to Australia next year. Aren't you from "down under," Kelly?
- Kelly: That's right.
- Paul: I hear there's not much pollution, and the beaches are clean and beautiful.
- Kelly: Oh, yes. Australia has some of the most famous beaches in the world – like Bondi Beach.
- Paul: What else should I see?
- Kelly: Well, the Great Barrier Reef is there. It's the longest coral reef in the world.
- Paul: Wow! It sounds beautiful. You're lucky to be an Australian.
- Kelly: Thanks, but actually, I'm a New Zealander.



3 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Comparisons with adjectives

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
large	larger	the largest
long	longer	the longest
dry	drier	the driest
big	bigger	the biggest
beautiful	more beautiful	the most beautiful
famous	more famous	the most famous
good	better	the best
bad	worse	the worst

Which country is **larger**, Canada or China?
Canada is **larger than** China.

Which country is **the largest**: Russia, Canada, or China?
Russia is **the largest** country of the three.

What is **the most beautiful** mountain in the world?
I think Fujiyama is **the most beautiful**.

For more information on comparatives and superlatives, see the appendix at the back of the book.

A Complete questions 1 to 4 with comparatives. Complete questions 5 to 8 with superlatives. Then ask and answer the questions. Check your answers in the appendix.

- Which country is , Monaco or Vatican City? (small)
- Which waterfall is , Niagara Falls or Angel Falls? (high)
- Which city is , Hong Kong or Cairo? (crowded)
- Which lake is , the Caspian Sea or Lake Superior? (large)
- Which mountain is : Mount McKinley, Mount Everest, or Fujiyama? (tall)
- What is river in the world, the Nile or the Amazon? (long)
- Which country is with tourists: Spain, France, or Italy? (popular)
- What is ocean in the world, the Pacific or the Atlantic? (deep)

B Class activity Write four questions like those in part A about your country or other countries. Then ask your questions around the class.

4 PRONUNCIATION Questions of choice

 Listen to the intonation of questions where there is a choice. Then practice the questions.

Which country is bigger, China or Russia?

Which is the largest desert in the world, the Australian or the Sahara?

Which country is the most interesting: Korea, Brazil, or France?

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How much do you know?

You probably know more than you think you do! Take a quiz. Turn to page IC-19.

5 IN YOUR OPINION

Group work Answer these questions about your country. Be ready to explain your answers. Then compare in a group.

What are the three most interesting places in your country?

What's the best time of year to visit?

What are the most famous tourist attractions?

What's the most beautiful place in your country?

6 WRITING

A Write about one of the places or things you discussed in Exercise 5.

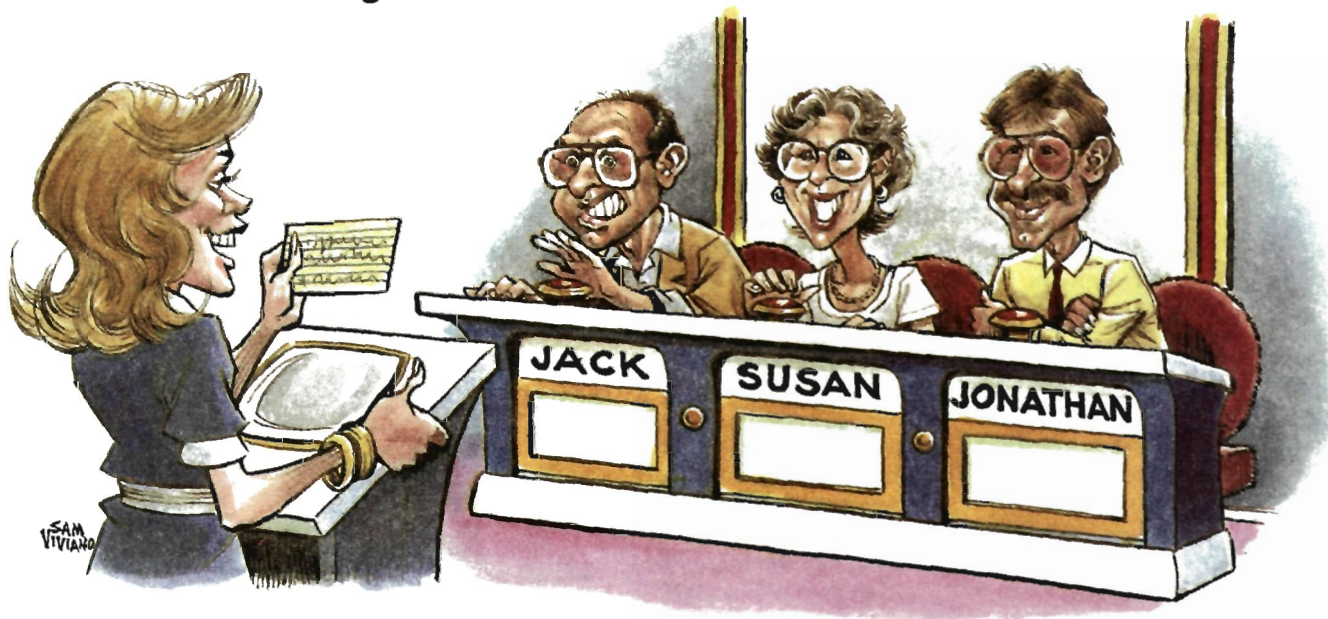
I think the most beautiful place in my country is a town called Ubud on Bali. It's located in the mountains, and there are lots of rice fields. Many artists live and work there. . . .

B Pair work Exchange papers and read each other's compositions.

Ubud, Bali, Indonesia



7 LISTENING TV game show



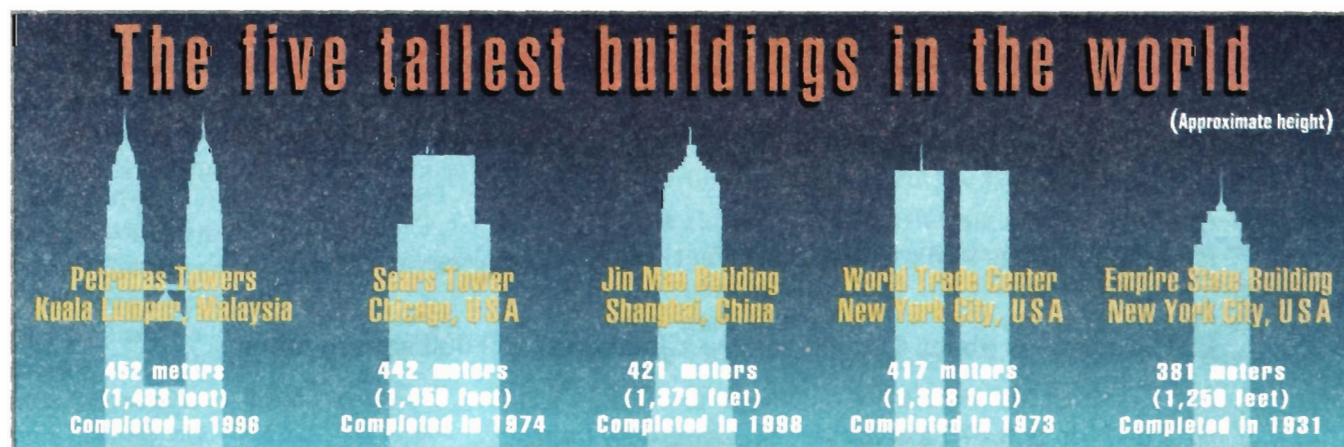
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Three people are playing a TV game show. Listen to each question, and check (✓) the correct answer.

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| 1. ☐ the Statue of Liberty
☐ the Eiffel Tower
☐ the Empire State Building | 3. ☐ gold
☐ butter
☐ feathers | 5. ☐ Moscow
☐ New York
☐ Shanghai |
| 2. ☐ Concorde
☐ 747
☐ DC-10 | 4. ☐ the U.S.
☐ China
☐ Canada | 6. ☐ Australia
☐ Argentina
☐ Brazil |

8 SNAPSHOT



Talk about these questions.

Would you like to visit any of these places? Which ones? Why?

Can you identify these buildings in your city?

The tallest building:

The oldest building:

The most beautiful building:

Source: Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitats

9 CONVERSATION *Distance and measurements*

A  Listen and practice.

Paul: So, what's New Zealand like?
 Kelly: Oh, it's beautiful. It has lots of farms,
 and it's very mountainous.
 Paul: Mountainous? Really? I didn't know that.
 How high are the mountains?
 Kelly: Well, the highest one is Mount Cook.
 It's about 3,800 meters high.
 Paul: Hmm. How far is New Zealand from Australia?
 Kelly: Well, I live in Auckland, and Auckland
 is about 2,000 kilometers from Sydney.
 Paul: Well, maybe I should visit you next year, too.
 Kelly: That would be great!



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B  Listen to the rest of the conversation.

What are some things New Zealand is famous for?

10 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Questions with how

How far is New Zealand from Australia?	It's about 2,000 kilometers.	(1,200 miles)
How big is Singapore?	It's 620 square kilometers.	(239 square miles)
How high is Mount Everest?	It's 8,848 meters high .	(29,028 feet)
How deep is the Grand Canyon?	It's about 1,900 meters deep .	(6,250 feet)
How long is the Mississippi River?	It's about 6,019 kilometers long .	(3,740 miles)
How hot is New Zealand in the summer?	It gets up to about 23° Celsius.	(74° Fahrenheit)
How cold is it in the winter?	It goes down to about 10° Celsius.	(50° Fahrenheit)

A Write the questions to these answers. Then practice with a partner.

- A:?
B: Angel Falls is 979 meters (3,212 feet) high.
- A:?
B: California is about 411,000 square kilometers (159,000 square miles).
- A:?
B: The Nile is 6,670 kilometers (4,145 miles) long.
- A:?
B: Washington, D.C., gets up to about 32° Celsius (90° Fahrenheit) in the summer.

B Group work Think of five questions with *how* about places in your country or other countries you know. Ask and answer your questions in groups.

“How cold is Seoul in the winter?”

11 READING**Things You Can Do to Help the Environment**

Is pollution in your country: ☐ serious? ☐ under control? ☐ increasing? ☐ decreasing?

Our environment is in trouble. People and industries are polluting the air, rivers, lakes, and seas. You may think that there's nothing you can do to help. That's not true. In fact, there are many things you can do to help the environment. Here are a few.

**Cars**

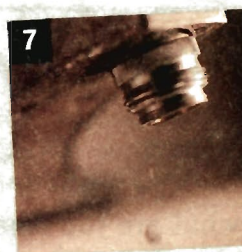
The burning of gasoline is one of the biggest sources of carbon monoxide (CO) in the atmosphere. Some people believe that CO is causing global warming. They think CO thins the ozone layer, which protects us from the sun's rays. So try to walk, bicycle, or use public transportation. And if you drive a car, drive at a steady speed – this is more efficient than speeding up and slowing down.

**Products**

Don't use disposable products. In a single year, people in the United States use enough disposable diapers to reach to the moon and back seven times. If you use disposable products, use products made from recycled materials. Also, recycle whenever possible. Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours.

**Energy**

The biggest use of home energy is for heating and cooling homes. So turn the heat down, especially at night. Replace regular light bulbs with fluorescent or halogen bulbs, which use less energy.

**Water**

Showers use a lot of water. In one week a typical American family uses as much water as a person drinks in three years! Buying a special "low-flow" shower head or taking shorter showers can cut this use in half. Also, fix any leaky faucets.



A Pair work Read the article. Then talk about these questions.

1. Which of the advice above is new to you?
2. Do you follow any of the advice in the article?
3. Which are the three best pieces of advice?
4. What are two other things people can do to protect the environment?

B Group work Look at the photos in the article. Which ones show environmental problems? Which show solutions? Describe what is right or wrong in each photo.