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Reading

A Read the article '20 Cool Things about the World'.

20 Cool Things about the World

China's bamboo forests are often on very high mountains – but pandas can easily climb as much as 4,000 metres up the sides of mountains.

Before the 1400s in Europe, Portugal's southern coast was thought to be the edge of the known world.

There are four small volcanoes inside the remains of Mount Mazama volcano in Oregon, in north west USA.

Hurricanes north of the Equator spin in the opposite direction to ones south of the Equator.

About 12,000 years ago, the Sahara was covered with millions of trees.

When forests flood along South America's Amazon River, river dolphins sometimes swim around trees.

More capital cities start with the letter B than with any other letter.

A town in Maryland, USA, is named 'Boring'.

More people live in Tampa, Florida, USA, than in all of Iceland.

About 70% of the earth's fresh water is frozen within ice sheets in Antarctica.

Namibia's 'Big Daddy' sand dune rises as high as a 100-storey building.



River dolphins in the Amazon



Big Daddy sand dune, Namibia

The United Arab Emirates has two man-made islands shaped like palm trees.

The scorching deserts of North Africa don't hurt the sand cat – the animal's paw pads are covered in fur to protect its feet from heat.

When a tsunami hit Japan in 2011, a motorcycle was taken by the ocean and then found later in Canada.

Nearly 48 million football pitches would fit on the surface of Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

A super-strong hurricane in 2012 made the Mississippi River in the USA flow backwards.

Cartographers (people who make maps) used to ride hot-air balloons to view and map land.

Indonesia's isolated and out-of-the-way Foja Mountains are home to weird species such as the pinocchio-nosed frog.

One cave in Malaysia is big enough to hold eight jumbo jets.

The surface of the Pacific Ocean is larger than all of earth's continents combined.

Source:

(adapted from *30 Cool Things About the World*, Zachary Petit, *National Geographic Kids*, May 2013)



Deer Cave in Mulu National Park, Malaysia

B Complete the *Exam Task*.

Exam Task

Read '20 Cool Things about the World' again. Are sentences 1–10 'Right' (A) or 'Wrong' (B)? If there is not enough information to answer 'Right' (A) or 'Wrong' (B), choose 'Doesn't say' (C).

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| 1 Pandas aren't at walking uphill. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Hurricanes spin in a clockwise direction in the Southern Hemisphere. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 The Sahara Desert used to be a forest. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Dolphins can only live in seawater. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 The population of Boring is very small. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Iceland's population is smaller than Florida's. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Most of the world's fresh water is frozen. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 It is impossible to sail from Japan to Canada. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 Hurricanes can change the way a river flows. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 The biggest cave in the world is in Malaysia. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

(___ / 10 marks)

Vocabulary and Use your English

A Match 1–8 with a–h.

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| 1 We planted some seeds in our garden. | a They also make honey. |
| 2 Plants need two things. | b They're in a tank in my room. |
| 3 Flies are not usually dangerous. | c Then we watered them well. |
| 4 Bees are very important in farms and gardens. | d They are better at cleaning themselves. |
| 5 Rabbits are great pets. | e You can keep them in a hutch in the garden. |
| 6 My grandfather has a canary. | f They won't grow without sunlight or water. |
| 7 I have some lovely new fish. | g He keeps him in a cage in the kitchen. |
| 8 Cats are easier to care for than dogs. | h Spiders sometimes are. |
- (___ / 8 marks)

B Circle the odd one out.

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|-------------|---------|-----------|
| 1 autumn | spring | surfing |
| 2 lightning | cloud | thunder |
| 3 July | drought | bush fire |
| 4 March | October | winter |
| 5 flood | heater | disaster |
| 6 summer | fog | cloud |
- (___ / 6 marks)

C Choose the correct answers.

- Too many trees are cut ___ every day.
a off b down
 - You mustn't give ___ caring for the environment.
a up b out
 - Don't waste water. Turn ___ the tap.
a out b off
 - Don't worry. We will help you to deal ___ the problem.
a with b out
 - Oh, dear! We are running ___ of time. They said we had to finish by 10pm.
a out b down
 - Don't use ___ all the milk. Leave some for my breakfast.
a up b out
 - We must try to save these animals. They are all ___ risk of becoming extinct.
a in b at
 - Some animals, like frogs and toads, live in water and ___ land.
a in b on
- (___ / 8 marks)

D Complete the Exam Task.

Exam Task

Read the descriptions of some weather-related words. What is the word for each one? The first letter is already there. There is **ONE** space for each other letter in the word.

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| 1 Extremely hot. | b _ _ _ _ _ |
| 2 Extremely cold. | f _ _ _ _ _ |
| 3 The opposite of clear, when you can't see very well in front of you. | f _ _ _ _ |
| 4 Rain when the temperature is below zero. | s _ _ _ |
| 5 Rainy with a lot of wind, thunder and lightning. | s _ _ _ _ |
| 6 Not cold, but not warm either. | c _ _ _ |
| 7 When water freezes, roads are dangerous because they become like this. | i _ _ |
| 8 When it rains a lot and there is water everywhere. | f _ _ _ _ |
- (___ / 8 marks)

Grammar

A Circle the correct words.

- 1 The second time we went, we found the house more **easily / easier** than the first.
- 2 We came as **quickly / quicker** as we could.
- 3 The stars are **brighter / more bright** in the country than in the city.
- 4 It's much **drier / drier** here in the desert than in the mountains.
- 5 Those spiders are not as **dangerous / dangerously** as you think.
- 6 Which is **strongly / stronger**: cotton or wool?
- 7 They lived **further / farer** away than I thought they did.
- 8 You can eat very **good / well** for a few euros in the village.

(___ / 8 marks)

B Complete the sentences with these adjectives or adverbs in the Comparative or Superlative form.

deep dry hard heavy high long serious sunny

- 1 The _____ injured passengers were taken to hospital by helicopter. The others went later by road.
- 2 The Pacific Ocean is the _____ ocean in the world. None of the other oceans are as deep.
- 3 California is _____ than most other places in the USA, but it suffers from more droughts.
- 4 The Atacama Desert in Chile is one of the _____ places on earth. It hardly ever rains.
- 5 Up in the mountains snow falls more _____ than down in the valley.
- 6 The _____ day of the year is in June in the Northern Hemisphere.
- 7 The temperature isn't as _____ as it was yesterday. It's a little bit cooler.
- 8 She worked _____ for her exams than I did, so she got better marks.

(___ / 8 marks)

C Put the words in order to make sentences. Add punctuation (commas and full stops) if necessary.

- 1 table I bought wooden a old German beautiful
- 2 Turkish Did you see that new film on TV brilliant
- 3 new The children went to a huge amusement park fantastic
- 4 doctor He's a young clever
- 5 lovely She's wearing a French coat wool
- 6 It's an old wooden box square

(___ / 6 marks)

D Complete the Exam Task.

Exam Task

Choose the correct adjectives.

- 1 It was a **fascinating / fascinated** film.
- 2 They didn't like it because it wasn't **interesting / interested**.
- 3 Can we go now? We're really **boring / bored**.
- 4 The show we saw yesterday was very **boring / bored**.
- 5 Are you too **tiring / tired** to go out?
- 6 It isn't too **tiring / tired** if I just do a little at a time.
- 7 Were you **frightening / frightened** when you saw it?
- 8 I don't want to watch! It's too **frightening / frightened**.

(___ / 8 marks)

