

UNIT 10

The Natural World

Warm-up

1 Look at the pictures. Complete the sentences with words from the box. You will not use all the words.

buggy dangerous dark exhausting foggy rocky rough slippery steep



1 It can be really

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2 It can be quite

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3 It can be so

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4 It can be terribly

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5 It can be very

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6 It can be pretty

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7 It can be extremely

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2 Complete the sentences. Circle the correct words.

- The driver had an accident because he couldn't see very well. It was a very cold morning, and it had become too (foggy / exhausting / rocky / dark) to see the road clearly.
- The travelers were warned not to take the path through the jungle because there were wild animals and snakes that made it far too (steep / buggy / dangerous / rough).
- The journey was quite (foggy / buggy / exhausting / dangerous). By the time we reached our destination, all we wanted to do was sleep!
- It was very (slippery / dark / buggy / rocky) inside the cave—we had to use high-powered flashlights to see anything, even if it was right in front of us.
- We wanted to walk on the beach, but it was just too (slippery / dangerous / buggy / foggy) after all the rain. We had to keep moving quickly to keep the insects from biting us!

3 Read the sentence. Circle the letter of the sentence with the same meaning.

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| 1 Is it worth it? | 3 It's a must-see show. |
| a Do you recommend it? | a You shouldn't go. |
| b Can I afford it? | b You should go. |
| 2 You don't want to miss it! | 4 I have no clue. |
| a I didn't like it. | a I don't know. |
| b I recommend it. | b I don't have plans. |

LESSON 1

- 1 Look at the picture. What do the letters on the compass stand for? Write the correct compass directions.

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| 1 N: | 5 SE: |
| 2 NE: | 6 SW: |
| 3 NW: | 7 E: |
| 4 S: | 8 W: |



- 2 Look at the world map. Complete the sentences. Circle the correct compass direction.



- Europe is (north / east / south / southeast) of North America.
- Europe is (north / east / south / west) of Africa.
- The Pacific Ocean is (north / east / south / west) of North and South America.
- Australia is (northeast / southeast / east / west) of Asia.
- Asia is (north / northeast / south / southeast) of South America.
- Antarctica is (north / east / south / west) of Europe.
- Africa is (northeast / north / southwest / west) of Asia.
- North America is (north / northwest / southeast / south) of Africa.

- 3 Complete the paragraph with in, on, or of.

Portugal

Portugal is a nation (1) southwestern Europe, and is (2) the western coast (3) the Iberian Peninsula. Spain is both north and west (4) Portugal, which is on the Atlantic Ocean. There are many mountain ranges (5) the north, but the largest and highest mountain range in the country, Serra da Estrela, is located (6) the central region of the country. The capital city, Lisbon, is (7) the west coast (8) Portugal. It is also located (9) the Tajo River, which is the longest river in Portugal. The city of Porto is located (10) the Douro River, which is (11) the north.

4 Look at the map. Complete the sentences in your own way.



- 1 is / are in
- 2 is / are southwest of
- 3 is on
- 4 is / are located on
- 5 is / are north of
- 6 is / are located to

DID YOU KNOW ... ?

- Switzerland has a population of 8.6 million people.
- Switzerland has four official languages (German, French, Italian, and Romansh).
- The Swiss flag is square, not rectangular.
- Many mountains in the Swiss Alps are over 4,000 meters high. Less than 15% of the Alps lie within Switzerland.
- Switzerland has 7,000 lakes. The largest, Lake Geneva, is shared with France.

5 Complete the conversation with words from the box. You will not use all the words.

beautiful go must-see real let-down say you were
south of southwestern supposed to be sure to send

- A: So where did you (1) ?
- B: I'm in Morcote. It's about 10 kilometers (2) Lugano.
- A: Morcote? That's (3) one of the most (4) towns in Switzerland. What's it like?
- B: It's breathtaking! A (5) for sure.
- A: Sounds great. Be (6) me some pictures, OK?
- B: Of course! I'll text you some later.

6 Describe the location of your city or town in relation to some other places. Use prepositions of geographical place.

LESSON 2

1 Complete the conversations. Circle the correct words.

1 A: Everybody (**better** / **had better**) keep their hands in the boat. There are alligators.

B: Yikes!

2 A: I'm going for a swim!

B: (**You** / **You'd**) better not do that. The water's full of jellyfish.

3 A: The path looks very rocky.

B: It does. (**Should** / **Had better**) we take a different route?

4 A: Should we take this route?

B: No, we'd (**shouldn't** / **better not**). It looks steep and slippery.

2 Complete the conversations. Use had better or had better not and the words in parentheses. Use contractions when possible.

1 A: It's starting to get dark.

B: True. We'd better head back home. (we, head)

2 A: I think we're lost.

B: So do I. and go back the way we came. (we, turn around)

3 A: It's nice during the day, but out after dark. (you, stay)

B: I know. I've heard the mosquitoes are really bad.

4 A: The children life jackets in the boat. (wear)

B: We ALL should wear them.

3 Look at the pictures. Write the correct danger on the line.



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4 Complete the sentences with a danger from the box.

a shark crocodiles itchy plants jellyfish mosquitoes quicksand scorpions snakes thorns

- 1 The lifeguard at the beach told us not to swim in the ocean. Earlier that day, someone had seen Apparently, it was a Great White, hunting for fish!
- 2 It's very buggy where we're going—remember to use bug spray so that the don't bite you!
- 3 If you step in, don't struggle. Take a deep breath. If you stay calm, you might actually be able to float to the top. You won't disappear under the sand—that only happens in the movies!
- 4 Did you know that don't only live in rivers, but some actually live in the sea? You can find these in India and Australia. But beware! They're dangerous animals whose diet includes crabs, fish, birds, and even humans!
- 5 Those roses are beautiful and they smell so nice. But look out for their—they are sharp and can poke your finger if you're not careful.
- 6 In hot countries, it can be common to find inside houses in the summer. Not all of them are dangerous, but you'd better watch out for the ones with smaller front legs and a thick, sharp tail. These can kill you!
- 7 While swimming in the ocean, James encountered some Now he has a painful, itchy rash all over his arms and legs.
- 8 You'd better be careful in the forest. There are that can cause very uncomfortable itches and rashes.
- 9 We often find long, green in our garden. But don't worry, they're not dangerous. They usually slither off when we get closer. They're more scared of us than we are of them!

5 Put the conversation in order. Write the number on the line.

- Jellyfish? Are you serious?
- Thanks for the heads-up!
- Excuse me. Is this the way to the beach?
- Thanks. Is it worth it?
- Actually, I am. Better safe than sorry.
- Yes. It's straight ahead. Just follow the signs.
- Oh, yes! It's a spectacular beach. But you'd better watch out for jellyfish.

6 Think of a beautiful outdoor place in your area. What are some dangers that visitors had better keep an eye out for?

LESSON 3

1 Look at the pictures. Circle the correct geographical feature.



1 (a forest / a glacier /
a marsh)



2 (a swamp / a mountain
range / a canyon)



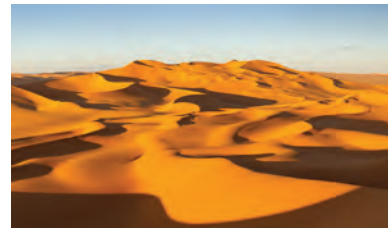
3 (a valley / a glacier /
a jungle)



4 (a mountain range /
a swamp / a desert)



5 (a glacier / a canyon /
a hot spring)



6 (a valley / a jungle /
a desert)

2 Match the descriptions of famous natural wonders to the geographical features. Write the correct letter on the line. Not all features are used.

- 1 This grows next to the Rhine River in Germany. Its trees are always green, even in winter.
- 2 This geographical feature in eastern Antarctica is the largest example in the world. In some places, the ice is 3 miles thick.
- 3 This is 4,000 miles long and runs from the top to the bottom of South America. The highest point is 22,000 feet high.
- 4 This feature in Africa is the second-largest in the world (the Amazon is the biggest). Its rivers, forests, and swamps are home to gorillas, chimpanzees, and elephants.
- 5 This geographical feature in Florida is famous for its alligators and the mangrove trees growing in water.
- 6 This well-known feature, located in Japan, is believed to have many health benefits. Visitors can relax in the warm water while enjoying the spectacular views of Mount Fuji.
- 7 This Australian feature is not the most famous example in the world, but like the one in Arizona, has breathtaking views of the rocky cliffs and the desert that surrounds it.
- 8 This sandy feature in northern Africa is the largest of its kind in the world. This is where you will find many Egyptian pyramids.

- a a mountain range
- b hot springs
- c a valley
- d a canyon
- e a glacier
- f a jungle
- g a desert
- h a forest
- i a swamp

LESSON 4

- 1 Read the advertising brochure. What outdoor travel destination is described?



Come “fly” over the rainforest! We’ll take your breath away!

Located in Cairns, Australia, Rainforest Flyway is a world leader in ecotourism. We take our guests on a breathtaking “flight” over rainforest trees and straight into the heart of the rainforest for an unforgettable experience.

Did you know that Australia’s rainforests are home to over 3,000 different plant species? And some of the trees here are more than 3,000 years old! On the Flyway, you’ll experience over 7.5 kilometers of living rainforest while learning about this spectacular place.

You’ve never experienced anything like the Rainforest Flyway. You’ll start your unique journey above the rainforest, as you “fly” in a comfortable gondola only a few meters above the trees. Sit back and enjoy the extraordinary scenery and the lush tropical foliage.

Your gondola will bring you down into the rainforest itself, where you follow a path to see, hear, and smell the rainforest environment from the ground. Tour guides will point out some unusual plants, provide you with interesting facts about rainforest ecology, and answer your questions.

Your Rainforest Flyway experience lasts 90 minutes and ends in the small rainforest village of Kuranda, just 25 kilometers northwest of Cairns. Here, you can visit a protected area that is home to 20,000 tropical butterflies. You can also buy original arts and crafts made by the people of Kuranda. After this visit, you’ll understand why it’s so important to preserve the rainforests.

Rainforest Flyway has won numerous awards, including *Travel Planet* magazine’s “Best Ecotourism Destination.” Call or visit us online to make your reservations!



- 2 Complete the sentences, according to the brochure in Exercise 1. Circle the correct letter.

- 1 On this trip, you can learn about
 - a some great ecotourism destinations
 - b tour guides
 - c the ecology of Australia’s rainforests
- 2 A gondola is
 - a a rainforest animal
 - b a person who leads the tour
 - c a type of transportation
- 3 On this trip, guestsinto the rainforest.
 - a don’t go
 - b are lowered
 - c are raised
- 4 Rainforest Flyway encourages guests to
 - a follow a path to explore the rainforest
 - b make a new path in the rainforest
 - c take a souvenir from the rainforest

3 Answer the questions with information from the brochure in Exercise 1.

- 1 How long is the Rainforest Flyway tour?
- 2 Who can answer questions about the rainforest?
- 3 How can you make plans to visit the Rainforest Flyway?
- 4 What can you learn from the tour guides?

GRAMMAR EXPANDER

1 Complete the sentences. Circle the correct preposition of place.

- 1 Bangkok is (on / in / of) the country of Thailand.
- 2 Honolulu is (on / in / of) the island of Oahu (on / in / of) the state of Hawaii.
- 3 Which country is north (on / in / of) Namibia?
- 4 The Philippines are islands (on / in / of) the Pacific Ocean, to the north (on / in / of) Malaysia.

2 Correct the capitalization errors.

- 1 the headquarters of the ^United ^Nnations are located in ^New ^York ^City.
- 2 the novel *dracula*, by irish author bram stoker, was first published in great britain in 1897.
- 3 in canada, thanksgiving is celebrated on the second monday in october. but in the united states, the holiday is celebrated on the fourth thursday of november.
- 4 the beginning of the middle ages is often called the dark ages. by this time, the great civilizations of greece and rome had fallen, and life in europe was very hard.

3 Complete the sentences. Write the if it's necessary or X if it isn't.

- 1 Several international organizations, such as *the* World Health Organization, and International Committee of the Red Cross have their headquarters in Geneva. This city is in the western part of Switzerland on Lake Geneva.
- 2 Roman Empire reached its most powerful point in the year 116. At this time, much of Europe, Asia, and parts of Africa were under Rome's control.
- 3 Caspian Sea is the largest lake in the world. It is a saltwater lake that is surrounded by Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Iran, Azerbaijan, and Russia. The largest freshwater lake is Lake Superior, which is located on the border between Canada and United States.
- 4 The explorer Marco Polo is often credited with introducing pasta from China to his native country Italy. Although this fact is debatable, it is known that Marco Polo did travel to Far East and is responsible for some of the first introductions of eastern culture to West.
- 5 Gulf of Aqaba is in Middle East. It separates Sinai Peninsula, which is part of Egypt, from Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

4 Rewrite each sentence. Express regret about the past with ought to.

- 1 Dana bought a bottle of soda for the party, but a few more bottles would have been better.
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- 2 We visited the Grand Canyon in the winter, but it was too cold. A spring visit would have been nicer.
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- 3 She arrived at the hotel, but they had no vacancies. Booking a room before the trip would have been better.
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- 4 They went in the caves but couldn't see, as they had forgotten their flashlights.
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- 5 We got to the scenic spot on the mountain and we were hungry, but we hadn't packed a lunch.
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WRITING HANDBOOK

1 Look at the map of South Africa. Complete the sentences with the phrases from the box. You will not use all the phrases.

along the coast along the river at the end of
in the center of south of to the north of

- 1 Johannesburg is located
the capital city of Pretoria.
- 2 The Indian Ocean is
the Orange River, the longest river in South Africa.
- 3 South Africa is the
country of Namibia.
- 4 Bloemfontein is almost
the country.
- 5 are Cape of Good Hope
and Cape Agulhas.



2 On a separate sheet of paper, write a description of a place of natural beauty in your country. Include the location, geographical features, and other points of interest. Describe what visitors can do there. Use adjectives to provide details that help the reader see and feel what the place is like.

	One of the most beautiful national parks in Peru is Manu National Park.
	It is located to the east of the capital city of Lima, just north of Cuzco. Its
	geographical features include a mountain range, forest, and jungle...

Expressions to describe location

To the [north] of
In the [south] of
[East] of
Next to
In the middle / center of
Along the [coast / river]
At the start of
At the end of