

# Primary Longman Express

2nd Edition



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## Reading

Read the article. Did you know about any of these interesting world records?

### Our wonderful world

Our world is a wonderful place. We can find amazing things in nature, and people have made incredible things too. Let's take a look at some of them!

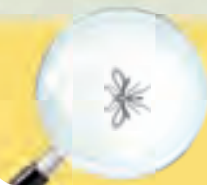


#### Big and small

The world's largest flower can be found in the rainforests of Southeast Asia. It is as big as a round dining table! It is also one of the world's smelliest flowers. It has a terrible smell which can attract flies. The flies help spread pollen around.



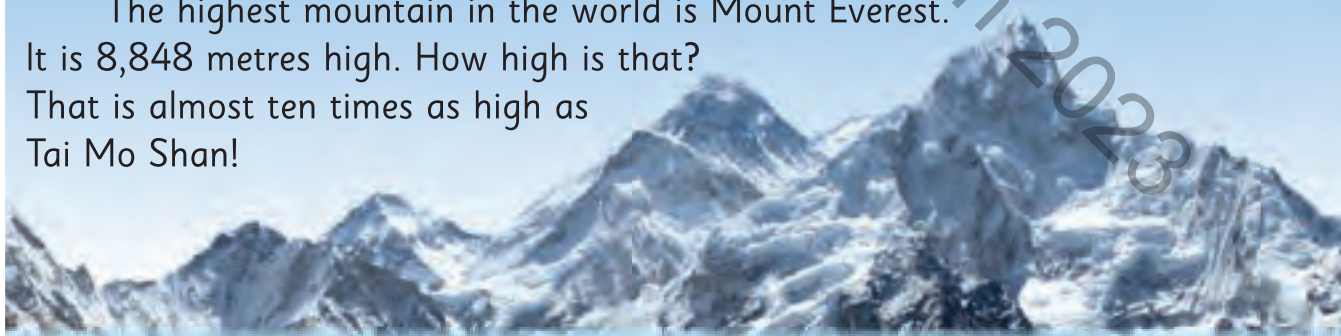
Rafflesia



The smallest insects in the world are called fairyflies. They have a body length of less than 0.5 mm. Like fairies, you may never notice them because they are so small!

#### Highs and lows

The highest mountain in the world is Mount Everest. It is 8,848 metres high. How high is that? That is almost ten times as high as Tai Mo Shan!



HELP!



However, if you dropped Everest into the Pacific Ocean, it would sink out of sight. The Pacific is the deepest ocean in the world. The deepest part is over 10,000 metres deep!

# Post-reading

What world records about nature are mentioned in the article? Finish the table.

	Name	World Record
1	Smallest insects	Body length: < _____ mm
2	Shortest river	_____ m long
3	_____	_____ km long
4	The Pacific Ocean	Over _____ m deep
5	Highest mountain	_____ m high

Choose the best answers by blackening ● the circles.

6 Which sentence about the Great Pyramid is NOT true?

- ☐ A. It is more than 4,500 years old.
 ☐ B. It is in Europe.
 ☐ C. It is in a sandy place.
 ☐ D. It is much heavier than the Big Buddha on Lantau Island.

★ 7 Read the last paragraph: *Some are on your doorstep.*

'On your doorstep' means \_\_\_\_ .

- ☐ A. far away
 ☐ B. inside your home
 ☐ C. near
 ☐ D. in your neighbour's home

★ 8 The purpose of this article is to tell us \_\_\_\_ .

- ☐ A. about the amazing things created by people
 ☐ B. about the big and small things in the world
 ☐ C. about amazing natural and man-made things
 ☐ D. that amazing things can be found in Hong Kong

Read the first and the last paragraphs carefully. What does the writer want to tell us?

## Explore Saying big numbers

1,000 = one **thousand**

10,000 = ten **thousand**

100,000 = one hundred **thousand**

1,000,000 = one **million**

5,900,000 = 5.9 million = five **point** nine million

2,346,828 = two million, three hundred **and** forty-six thousand, eight hundred **and** twenty-eight.



# Key Words

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## Man-made things



a bridge



a statue



a tower

## Natural features



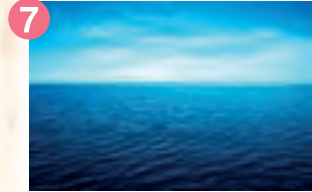
a desert



a lake



a mountain



an ocean



a river



a waterfall

## Key Structures

How **heavy** is the Great Pyramid?

It's about 5.9 million tons.

How **long** is the Nile?

It's 6,695 km (long).

How **tall** is the tallest building in the world?

It's 828 m (tall).

How **high** is Mount Everest?

It's 8,848 m (high).

How **deep** is the deepest lake in the world?

It's 1,637 m (deep).

Use **tall** for people, statues, towers, buildings, animals, trees and plants.

Use **high** for mountains, waterfalls and walls.

The Pacific Ocean	is	twice	as deep as	the Arctic Ocean.
The Sahara Desert		seven times	as big as	the Gobi Desert.

# Practice 2

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The Pacific Ocean is **twice as deep as** the Arctic Ocean.

Look at these pictures and fill in the missing information about these amazing facts from around the world.

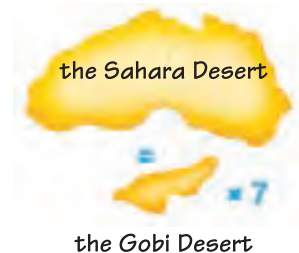
## Amazing Facts from around the world



The Pacific Ocean is **twice as deep as** the Arctic Ocean.

2

The Sahara Desert is \_\_\_\_\_ **times** as \_\_\_\_\_ the Gobi Desert.



3

Kuwana, Japan

Hong Kong, China

The Steel Dragon in Japan is the longest roller coaster in the world. It is almost \_\_\_\_\_ the longest roller coaster in Hong Kong.

4

The Tokyo Sky Tree is almost \_\_\_\_\_ the Macau Tower.



5

the Statue of Liberty (the USA)

the Merlion (Singapore)

The Statue of Liberty is \_\_\_\_\_ the Merlion.

6

Angel Falls is \_\_\_\_\_ Niagara Falls.



Let's say the letter sound and words!

**dge**

**dge**  
(soft 'g')

bridge

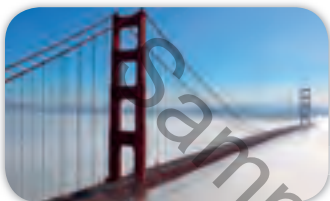
fridge

badge



**A** Write the letters and say the letter sound. Then say the words.

1



bri\_\_\_\_\_

2



fri\_\_\_\_\_

3



ba\_\_\_\_\_



**B** Listen and say. Can you hear the difference? Then listen and tick the words you hear.

bad**ge** bat**ch**

frid**ge** fet**ch**

hed**ge** hat**ch**

1

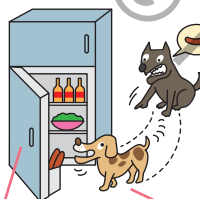

☐

bad**ge**

☐

bat**ch**

2

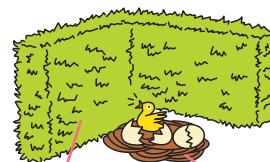

☐

frid**ge**

☐

fet**ch**

3


☐

hed**ge**

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hat**ch**

**C** Put the words in the correct place. Then say the words.

bridge

cage

bad**ge**

huge

edge

large

dge

bridge

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ge

cage

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Do the letters '**dge**' and '**ge**' both make the **soft 'g'** sound?

Non-fiction books usually have a contents page. The contents page helps us find the information we are looking for.

### The Big Book of World Records

Title of the book

Here the author thanks others for their help.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ..... 2

#### CHAPTER 1 THE PLANT AND ANIMAL WORLD

The chapter title tells us the general topic.

Plants .....	3
Fish .....	9
Birds .....	12
Mammals .....	15

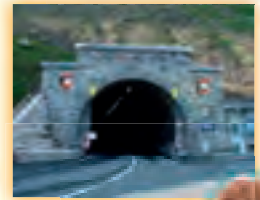
Each chapter has sub-topics. The page numbers help us find each part of the book quickly.

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This is a list of important words in the book with their meanings.

This is a list showing which page a subject is on.

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This contains extra information.



### Answer the questions.

- This contents page tells us \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ A. the subjects covered
  - ☐ B. the meanings of important words
  - ☐ C. where to get the book
  - ☐ D. how to use the book
- What kind of book is this contents page from?
  - ☐ A. a storybook
  - ☐ B. a dictionary
  - ☐ C. a reference book
  - ☐ D. a biography
- Sally wants to find out about the biggest whale in the world. Which page should she turn to?
- Find a non-fiction book in the library. Does the contents page have the above features?



Find an interesting record from a book or on the Internet and tell the class.