

# 15 MYSTERIES IN NATURE



## ABOUT YOU

What are your favourite places or things in nature?  
 What activities do you like doing outside?  
 Where do you like doing them?

## VOCABULARY AND READING

### Geographical features

- 1 Match photos A-H to the words in the box. Use each word once only.



cliff field snow island lake mountain  
 river snow water



Listen and check. Then repeat.

- 2 Look at the photos and complete the sentences with *wide*, *high*, *long* and *deep*.



- Mount Everest is 8,848 metres \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Amazon River is 11 kilometres \_\_\_\_\_ and 6,400 kilometres \_\_\_\_\_.
- Lake Titicaca is 107 metres \_\_\_\_\_.

- 3 Match the words in Exercise 1 to the adjectives in the box.



deep high long wide

- 4 Think about your country. Give the names of ...

- two high mountains
- an area of deep water
- a long river
- a wide lake.



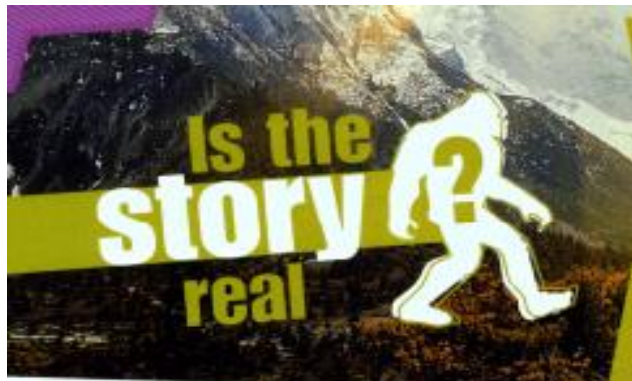
- 5 What can you see in the photos on page 91? What do you think this strange story is about?

- 6 Read the article quickly. Check your answers to Exercise 5.

- 7 Read the article again. Complete the text with *wide*, *high*, *long* and *deep*.

- 8 In pairs, discuss these questions.

- 1 Do you think the Yeti real, or is it just a story?
- 2 What do you think the footprint in the snow belongs to?



In 1951, a British explorer, Eric Shipton, was climbing in the Himalayas, south of Mount Everest. He wasn't exploring alone. There were several climbers and Sherpas with him. They weren't climbing that day, but they were walking through thick snow on a mountain 6,000 metres <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ when they saw a line of footprints. They followed the footprints for 500 metres. The footprints were 33 cm <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, 20 cm <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and a few centimetres <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. It wasn't a bear. The footprints were much too big. The Sherpas said the animal usually lived in the forests and didn't often come up into the snow. Their name for the animal was the Yeti, or the Wild Man of the Snows. People still come back from the Himalayas today with stories of seeing the Yeti.

## GRAMMAR Past continuous

1 Read the table. Complete sentences 1–4 using the verbs in the article.

Positive	Eric Shipton The climbers	was were	<sup>1</sup> _____ in the mountains. <sup>2</sup> _____ through thick snow.
Negative	Eric Shipton The climbers	wasn't weren't	<sup>3</sup> _____ alone. <sup>4</sup> _____ that day.
Questions	Was Were	I/he/she/it you/we/they	looking for footprints?
Short answers	Yes, No, Yes, No,	I/he/she/it you/we/they	was. wasn't. were. weren't.



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2 What was happening yesterday afternoon? Complete the sentences with the past continuous form of the verbs.

- 'Was Suzie helping (help) her teacher?'  
'Yes, she was.'
- The boys \_\_\_\_\_ (play) football in the park. They \_\_\_\_\_ (not run) very fast because the grass was too long.
- \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (climb) that tree?'  
'No, I \_\_\_\_\_.'
- My friend \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not tidy) her room.
- '\_\_\_\_\_ the students \_\_\_\_\_ (working) on the computer?' 'Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.'

3 Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

- We are playing football in the park yesterday morning.
- I lost it at the party when we are dancing.
- We aren't reading stories about strange animals in class yesterday.
- She isn't thinking and she dropped her bag.



## PRONUNCIATION

Rising and falling intonation



4 Listen and repeat.

My brother was riding his bike.  
My dad wasn't working in the garden.  
Were they climbing in the mountains?  
Were you looking for footprints?

5 In pairs, ask and answer the questions.

What were you doing ...  
... last Sunday morning at eleven o'clock?  
... yesterday at seven o'clock in the morning?  
... last Saturday at one o'clock?  
... last Monday evening at six o'clock?

What were you doing last Sunday morning at eleven o'clock?

I was at the sports centre.  
I was swimming with my mum.

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## VOCABULARY Geographical features

1 Put the letters in *italics* in the correct order to make words about size.

- 1 The school bus is 9 metres *goln*.
- 2 The river in the town is 20 metres *dwei*.
- 3 The swimming pool is 2 metres *epde*.
- 4 The Eiffel Tower is 324 metres *gihh*.

2 Complete the sentences with the words in Exercise 1.

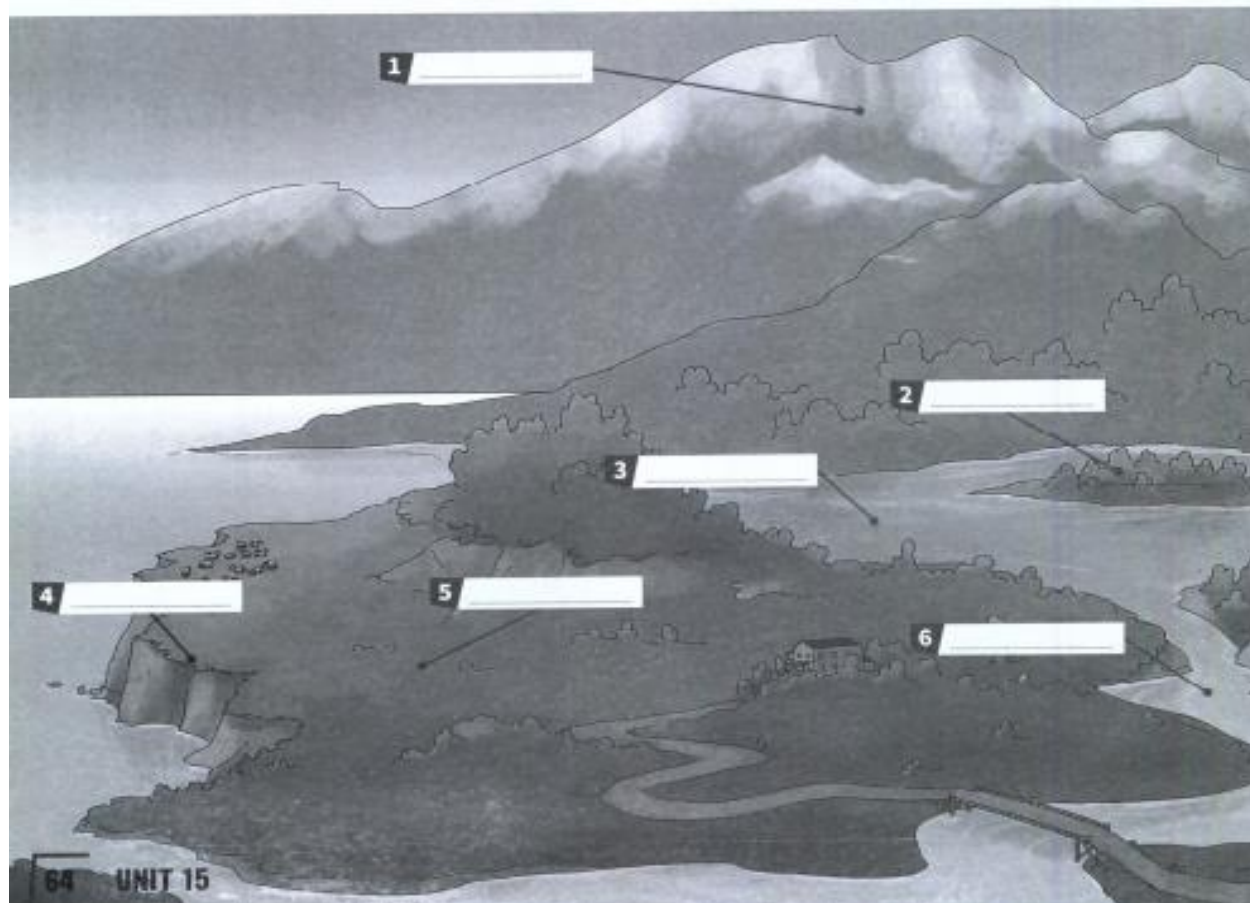
- 1 We walked along Yonge Street in Toronto, but we couldn't walk along all of it because it's 86 kilometres \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 My brother and his friends climbed Denali in Alaska. It's 6,190 metres \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 We went to the Grand Canyon on our holiday to North America. It wasn't easy to see the bottom. It's about 1,800 metres \_\_\_\_\_!
- 4 My friends and I wanted to swim across Lake Ontario, but it's 85 kilometres \_\_\_\_\_!

3 Label the picture with the words in the box.

cliff field island  
lake mountain river

4 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 There are some cows on the *mountain* / *in the field*.
- 2 The *cliff* / *lake* is near the sea.
- 3 The river goes from the *field* / *lake* to the sea.
- 4 There are some trees on the *mountain* / *island*.
- 5 There is a bridge across the *lake* / *river*.
- 6 There is *water* / *snow* on the mountains.



## GRAMMAR

### Past continuous

1 Look at the picture and correct the sentences below.



- 0 Mr and Mrs Roberts were eating pizza.  
*They weren't eating pizza. They were making pizza.*
- 1 Caitlin was doing her homework.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Jack was playing the piano.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Toby was reading a magazine.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Chloe and Harry were playing football.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Grandma Roberts was standing up.  
 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Write questions in the past continuous.

- 0 Michael / watch / TV last night / ?  
*Was Michael watching TV last night?*
- 1 he / help / his / parents / ?  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Tia and Karl / swim / in the sea / ?  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 they / do / their homework / ?  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 your friend / play / volleyball / ?  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 you / read / a book / ?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

3 Complete the short answers.

- 0 Was Mia doing her homework last night?  
 Yes, *she was*.
- 1 Were Katie and Alex having lunch at 2 o'clock?  
 No, \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 Were you reading a book in class today?  
 Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Was Mrs Brown writing on the board?  
 No, \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Were they sleeping at midnight?  
 Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Was William eating an ice cream?  
 No, \_\_\_\_\_.

4 Correct the mistakes in three of the sentences. Which two are correct?

- 0 I was enjoying my birthday party last week.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 What were you doing yesterday at 4 pm?  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 I went to the cinema yesterday.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 I liked it because was playing my favourite team.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 When we were on holiday, we were swimming every day.  
 \_\_\_\_\_

## VOCABULARY

### The weather

1 Write the nouns of the weather words.

- |          |              |         |       |
|----------|--------------|---------|-------|
| 0 cloudy | <u>cloud</u> | 4 snowy | _____ |
| 1 foggy  | _____        | 5 sunny | _____ |
| 2 icy    | _____        | 6 windy | _____ |
| 3 rainy  | _____        |         |       |

2 Complete the sentences with nouns and adjectives in Exercise 1.

- 1 We often go snowboarding when there is \_\_\_\_\_ in the mountains.
- 2 It's very \_\_\_\_\_ in the north of Europe so take your umbrella when you go there.
- 3 The street is very \_\_\_\_\_ because the temperature is  $-1^{\circ}\text{C}$ , so walk carefully!
- 4 There was a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ so I couldn't see the end of the garden from my window.
- 5 I love \_\_\_\_\_ weather when I can go to the beach and swim.