15 MYSTERIES IN NATURE

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 _____!

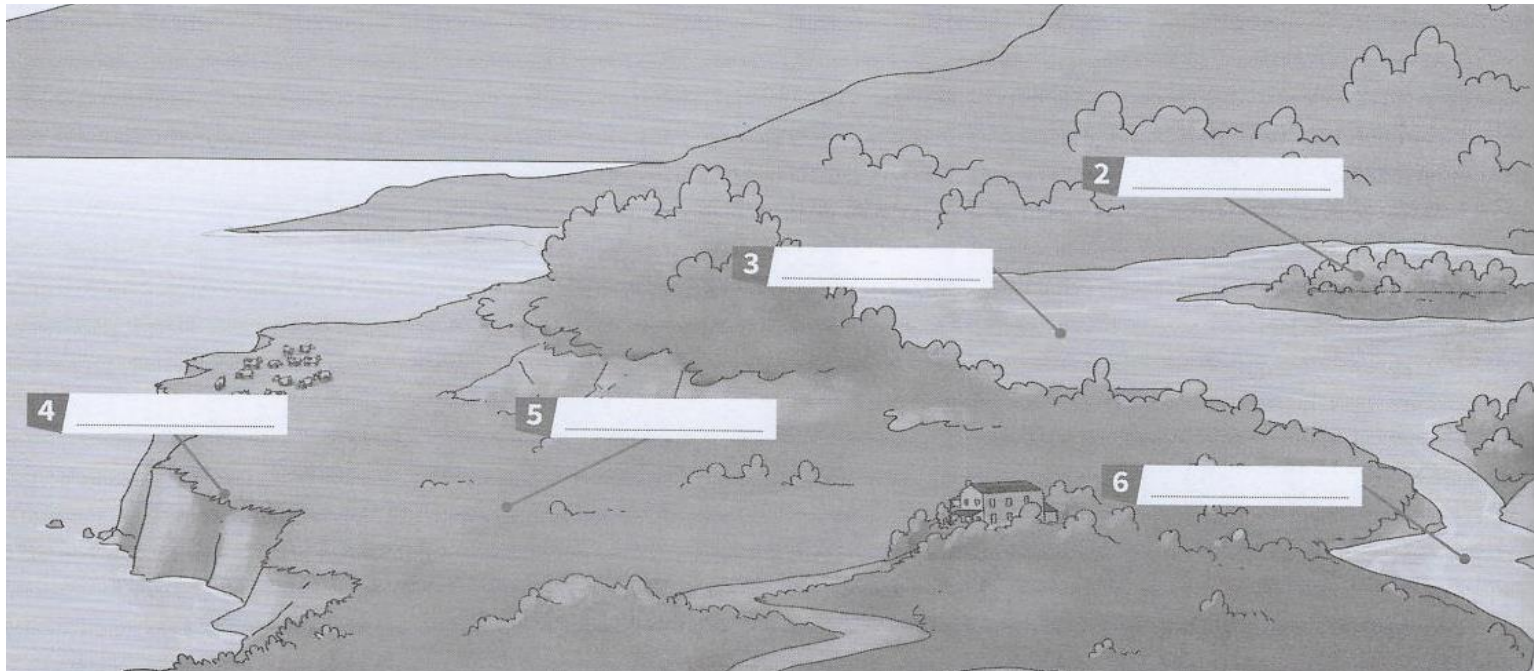4 My friends and I wanted to swim across Lake Ontario, but it's 85 kilometres _____!

2 **1** long **2** high **3** deep **4** wide

3 Label the picture with the words in the box.

cliff   field   island
lake   mountain   river

1 _____
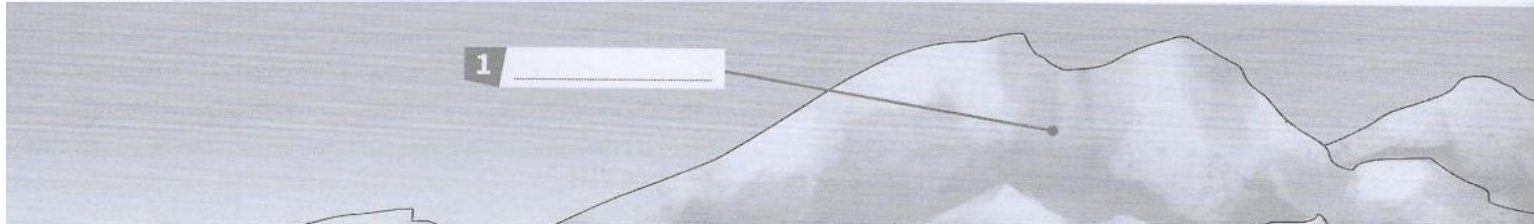
3   **1** mountain   **2** island   **3** lake   **4** cliff   **5** field   **6** river

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

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.

4 **1** in the field **2** cliff **3** lake **4** island **5** river **6** snow

1 Look at the picture and correct the sentences below.
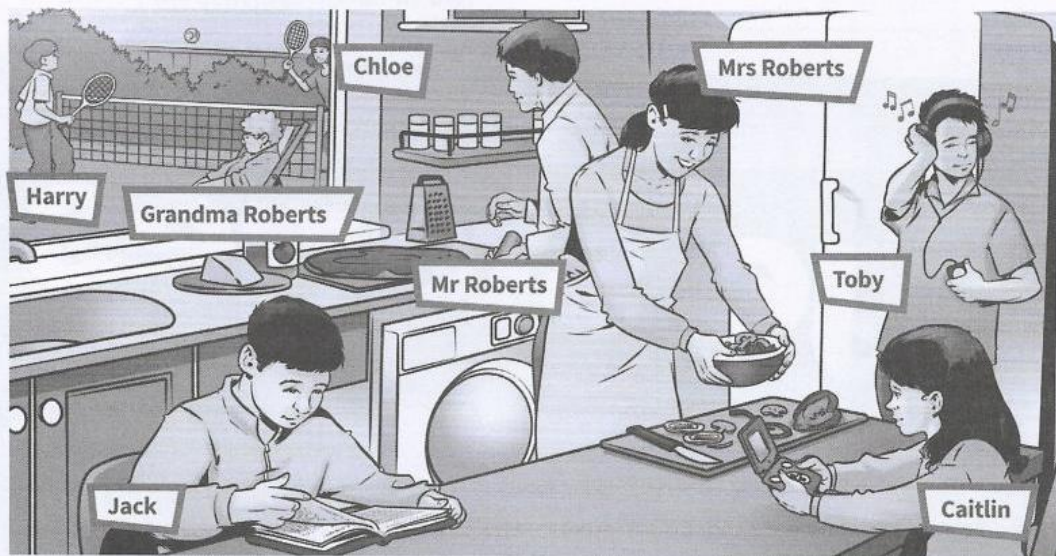
0 Mr and Mrs Roberts were eating pizza.

They weren't eating pizza. They were making pizza.

1 Caitlin was doing her homework.

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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.

_____

1 **1** She wasn't doing her homework. She was playing with her games console. **2** He wasn't playing the piano. He was reading. **3** He wasn't reading a magazine. He was listening to music. **4** They weren't playing football. They were playing tennis. **5** She wasn't standing up. She was sitting down.

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 / ?

2 **1** Was he helping his parents? **2** Were Tia and Karl swimming in the sea? **3** Were they doing their homework? **4** Was your friend playing volleyball? **5** Were you reading 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, _____ .

3 **1** they weren't **2** I was / we were **3** she wasn't
4 they were **5** he wasn't

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

1 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.

_____

4 **1** I **enjoyed** my birthday party last week. **2** correct **3** correct **4** I liked it because **my favourite team was playing**. **5** When we were on holiday we **swam** every day.

VOCABULARY The weather

1 Write the nouns of the weather words.

0	cloudy	_cloud_	**4**	snowy	___
1	foggy	___	**5**	sunny	___
2	icy	___	**6**	windy	___
3	rainy				

VOCABULARY

1 **1** fog **2** ice **3** rain **4** snow **5** sun **6** wind

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 °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.

2 **1** snow **2** rainy **3** icy **4** fog **5** sunny

READING

1 Read this strange story quickly. How did the two girls meet?

Strange stories

Many years ago, when she was nearly ten years old, Laura Buxton was playing in the garden with a balloon. Her family were having a party. She wrote a message on the balloon: 'Please return to Laura Buxton' and her address. It was a windy day and suddenly the balloon flew out of her hand and into the sky. This balloon travelled more than 200 km until it came down near the garden of another little girl. A man found the balloon, read the message and took it to her house. This girl was very surprised to see the message because her name was Laura Buxton too! And she was just ten years old.

The second Laura wrote a letter to the first Laura and then their parents telephoned so they could meet. When they met, the girls noticed that they were both wearing pink jumpers and jeans, both girls were also tall and thin and had long brown hair and brown eyes. They were amazed! They talked and found they had the same pets – a three-year-old black dog, a grey rabbit and a guinea pig. They became good friends. Now they are older and they are still friends. They are waiting for more magic to happen!
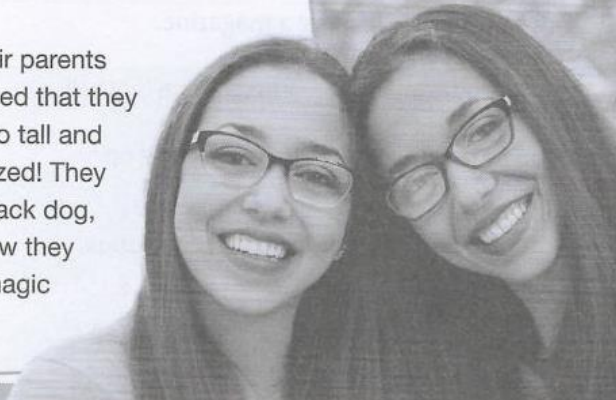
2 Read the story again and number the events in the order they happened.

a The girls noticed they were wearing the same clothes.
b Laura One was playing with a balloon. _1_
c A man gave Laura Two the balloon.
d The wind blew the balloon away.
e The girls are friends now.
f Laura Two wrote to Laura One.
g A man found the balloon.
h The girls went to meet each other.

2 a7 c4 d2 e8 f5 g3 h6

1 Listen to the conversation about Jack's holiday and tick (✓) the activities his family did.

1 go swimming _____
2 go to the beach _____
3 play games _____
4 go on a boat _____

5 go shopping _____
6 go to a restaurant _____
7 go skiing _____

2 Listen again and match the days to the weather.

1 Saturday _____
2 Sunday _____
3 Monday _____
4 Tuesday _____
5 Wednesday _____
6 Thursday _____

a snowy
b rainy
c cloudy
d windy
e sunny
f foggy

1 2, 3, 5, 6

2 1b 2d 3e 4f 5c 6a

WRITING A description or story about a strange animal

1 Match the questions about an animal to the answers.

1 Which country does the animal live in? ....   **a** It comes out at night to walk in the town
2 Where does the animal live? ....   **b** It is called the Bondar.
3 What does it look like? ....   **c** It lives in the forest.
4 What does it do? ....   **d** It is short and fat with lots of hair.
5 What is it called? ....   **e** It lives in Russia.
6 Is it real or not? ....   **f** It's not real.

1 1e 2c 3d 4a 5b 6f

2 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1 people / town / in / scared / the / were / the

_____

2 living / the / forest / was / the / Bondar / in

_____

3 he / a / went / one / to / house / night

_____

4 boy / food / gave / a / him / some / little

_____

5 became / boy / the / friends / the / Bondar / with

_____

2 1 The people in the town were scared. **2** The Bondar was living in the forest. **3** One night he went to a house. **4** A little boy gave him some food. **5** The Bondar became friends with the boy.

3 Complete the text with the words in the box.

| big | forest | hair | lives | mountains | saw |

BIGFOOT is a strange animal. This animal [1] _____ in the United States. It is very tall, it has a lot of [2] _____ and very [3] _____ feet. It lives in wild places, maybe in high [4] _____ called the Rockies. It walks around the countryside looking for food. Some people say they [5] _____ Bigfoot. It was walking through a [6] _____ near a river. I don't think it is real!

3   1 lives   2 hair   3 big   4 mountains   5 saw   6 forest

4 Find out about a strange animal and write a description or story about it. Use the questions in Exercise 1 to help you and write about 50 words.

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