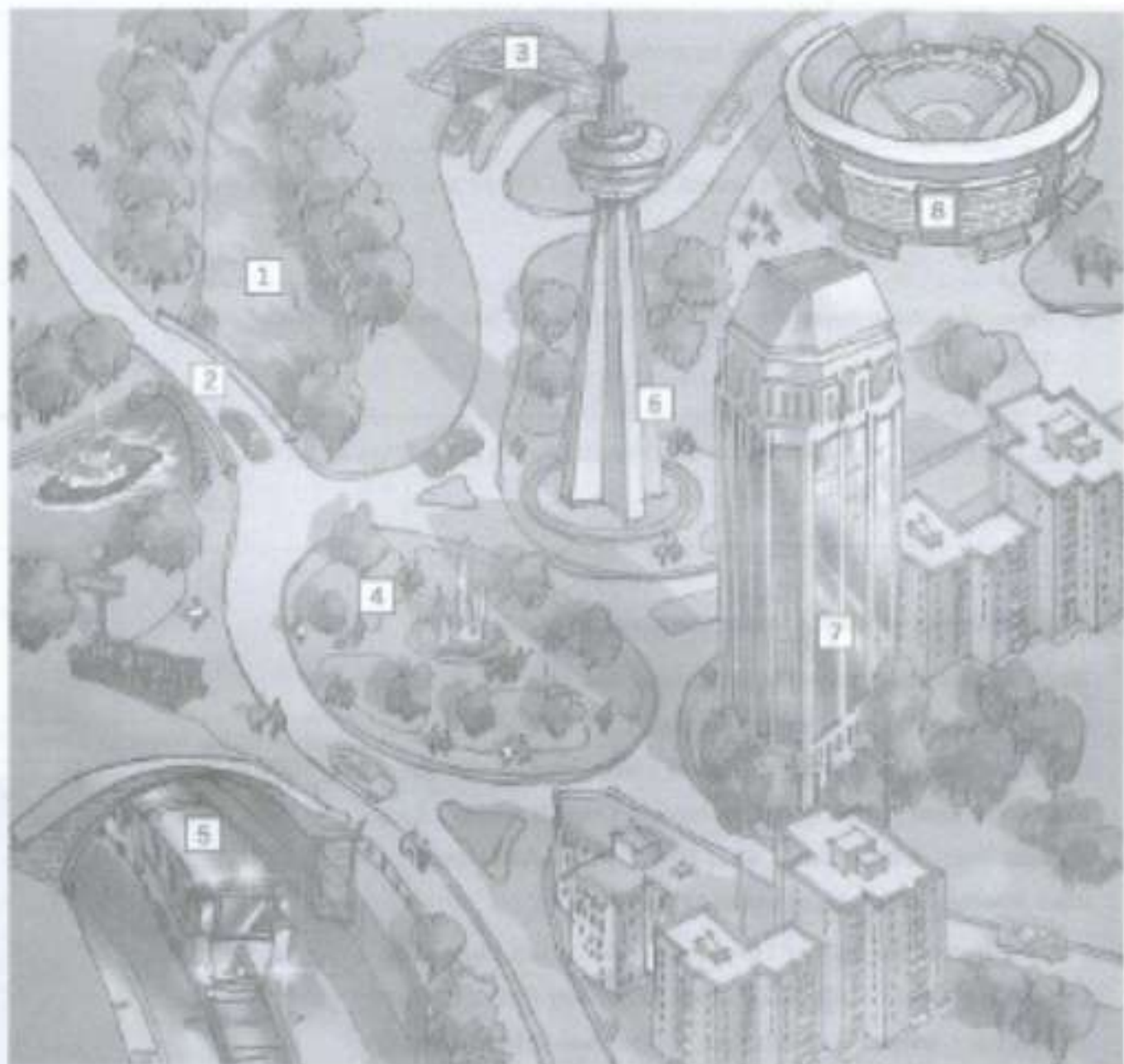


Our world

A Older, taller, and more famous

1 Label the things in the picture with the correct words.



1. canal _____

2. b _____

3. tu _____

4. p _____

5. su _____

sy _____

6. to _____

7. sk _____

8. st _____

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

1. is / the Akashi-Kaikyo Bridge in Japan / older / The Tower Bridge in England / than / .

The Tower Bridge in England is older than the Akashi-Kaikyo Bridge in Japan.

2. the Erie Canal in the United States / than / is / The Murray Canal in Canada / shorter / .

3. more / The Sydney Harbor Bridge in Australia / is / than / modern / the Tower Bridge in England / .

4. as / long / the Channel Tunnel between England and France / The Lincoln Tunnel between New Jersey and New York City / is / not / as / .

5. tall / the Sears Tower in the United States / is / The Jin Mao Tower in China / not / as / as / .

6. the London Underground / people on it / has / The New York City subway system / more / than / .

7. as / as / large / the Zócalo square in Mexico City / is / The Plaza Mayor in Madrid / not / .

3 Circle the correct words to complete the paragraphs.

There are many skyscrapers in Hong Kong. Two very tall skyscrapers are the Bank of China Tower and Central Plaza. Central Plaza is **more tall than** ¹ tailer than the Bank of China Tower. It also has **more floors than** ² more floors the Bank of China Tower. The Bank of China Tower is **older than** ³ older Central Plaza. But it looks **more modern** ⁴ more modern than Central Plaza.

I. M. Pei created the Bank of China Tower, and Dennis Lau and Ng Chun Man created Central Plaza. Some people say that I. M. Pei has **created more famous buildings than** ⁵ more than famous buildings Dennis Lau and Ng Chun Man. He has made buildings around the world. For example, he made the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston and the pyramid at the Louvre Museum in Paris.

Bank of China Tower Central Plaza



- 4** Read about the bridges. Then write comparisons with the words in parentheses. Use *-er* endings or *more . . . than*.



The Brooklyn Bridge, New York City



The Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco

1. The Brooklyn Bridge is 1,825 meters long. The Golden Gate Bridge is 2,737 meters long. (is / long)

The Golden Gate Bridge is longer than the Brooklyn Bridge.

2. The Brooklyn Bridge is 26 meters wide. The Golden Gate Bridge is 27 meters wide. (is / wide)

3. The Brooklyn Bridge opened in 1883. The Golden Gate Bridge opened in 1937. (is / old)

4. The cost to build the Brooklyn Bridge was \$15.5 million. The Golden Gate Bridge was \$35 million. (was / expensive)

5. It took 13 years to build the Brooklyn Bridge. It took four years to build the Golden Gate Bridge. (took / time to build)

6. Each day, 145,000 people go on the Brooklyn Bridge. Each day, 118,000 people go on the Golden Gate Bridge. (has / people on it each day)

- 5** Change sentences 1-4 from Exercise 3. Use *not as . . . as*.

1. *The Brooklyn Bridge is not as long as the Golden Gate Bridge.*

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

B

I don't believe it!

- 1** Complete the conversation. Use expressions for expressing disbelief and for saying you don't know. The first letter of each word is given.

Tyler: Hey, Susana, look at this.

Susana: What is it?

Tyler: It's information about the plazas in Mexico. There are more plazas in Mexico than anywhere else in the world!

Susana: *I don't believe it!* _____
1

Tyler: And we're in a very famous plaza – the Zócalo. Do you know another name for it?

Susana: I h_____ n_____ i_____.
2

Tyler: It's also called Constitution Plaza.

Susana: That's interesting. But I like the name Zócalo better. . . . How old is it?

Tyler: I r_____ d_____ k_____. But the plaza is older than some of the buildings around it.
3

Susana: S_____?
4

Tyler: Yeah. There used to be different buildings around the plaza, but over the years people built new buildings in place of some of the old ones.

Susana: N_____ w_____! I wonder why the old ones are gone. . . . Hey, do you know how big the square is?
5

Tyler: It says here it's 240 meters long and 240 meters wide.

Susana: That's pretty big! Hey, I'm hungry. Is there a restaurant near the plaza?

Tyler: I d_____ h_____ a c_____. I Maybe there are some ideas in this book.
6



- 2** Complete the conversations with one of the expressions from Exercise 1. More than one answer is possible.

1. A: Do you know how long the Channel Tunnel is?

B: _____

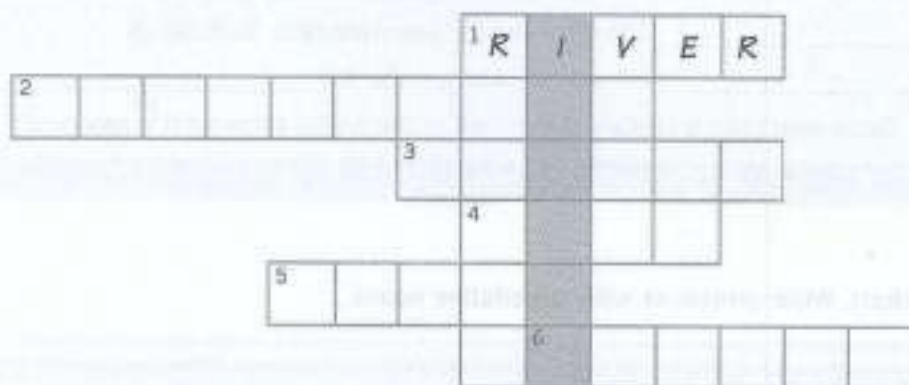
2. A: Wow! Did you know the Weihe Grand Bridge is the longest bridge in the world?

B: _____

C

World geography

1 Complete the puzzle with words for geographical features. What's the mystery word?



2 Complete the sentences with words for geographical features.

- The Nile River is 6,650 kilometers long.
- A _____ is extremely dry and hot.
- We swam in a small _____ on vacation.
- The Indian _____ has less water than the Atlantic or Pacific.
- Maui is a beautiful _____ surrounded by the Pacific Ocean.
- I went to the Amazon _____ last winter.
The trees and other plants were beautiful, and I saw a lot of animals, but it really rained a lot!
- When we went camping last summer, we put up our tent in a _____ next to a river. Every morning, we looked up at the mountains all around us. It was great!
- The most famous _____ in the United States is Niagara Falls.

3 Complete the text with the correct superlative forms of the adjectives in parentheses.

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Yosemite National Park is one of the most beautiful ¹ (beautiful) parks in the United States, and it's one of _____ ² (large) parks in California. There are many interesting geographical features in Yosemite. Yosemite Valley is _____ ³ (popular) place to visit in the park. It's easy to walk around in the valley. Tuolumne River is _____ ⁴ (long) river in the park, and there are many river trips you can take. There are also many waterfalls to see in the park. Yosemite Falls is _____ ⁵ (high) waterfall. Chimnuaína Falls is one of _____ ⁶ (difficult) to see because it's behind rocks. January, February, and March are _____ ⁷ (wet) months in Yosemite. Spring is _____ ⁸ (good) season to see waterfalls. Summer is _____ ⁹ (hot) season, and it's also the _____ ¹⁰ (busy) season. There aren't many visitors in the park in the winter because it's very cold.



4 Look at the chart. Write sentences with superlative nouns.

In the Caribbean

| | Aruba | Cuba | the Dominican Republic |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. land | 180 km ² | 110,860 km ² | 48,670 km ² |
| 2. people | 104,589 | 11,477,459 | 9,794,487 |
| 3. rain (each year) | 21.3 inches | 52 inches | 54.5 inches |
| 4. official languages | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 5. TV stations | 1 | 58 | 25 |



1. Cuba has the most land.

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

5 Complete the sentences with the superlative forms of the underlined words.

1. A: We're going to New Guinea this year. It's an extremely large island.

B: Yes, it is. But Greenland is the largest island in the world.

2. A: This street has a lot of cars. Is there always this much traffic?

B: Yes, First Avenue gets the most traffic in the city.

3. A: My uncle does research in the Antarctic Desert, and he says it's really cold.

B: I know. The Antarctic Desert is _____ desert in the world.

4. A: What a great day! Let's sit in the sunshine.

B: OK. This is _____ we've had all summer!

5. A: Wow, this is beautiful! We're up so high. What a great view!

B: Did you know Lake Titicaca is one of _____ lakes in the world?

6. A: I'm going to Japan. Where is a good place to see temples?

B: I think Kyoto is one of _____ places to see temples in Japan.

7. A: I'm tired of being wet on this vacation! It has rained every day on this trip.

B: Well, May is usually _____ month in this city.

8. A: How many people live in New York?

B: Over 8 million. It's the city in the United States with _____.



6 Answer the questions with your own information. Write complete sentences and use superlatives.

Example: The longest bridge I've ever been on is the Golden Gate Bridge.

1. What's the longest bridge you've ever been on? _____
2. Where's the highest place you've ever been? _____
3. What's the most beautiful place you've ever seen? _____
4. Where's the hottest place you've ever been? _____
5. What's the tallest building in your town? _____
6. What's the longest river in your country? _____
7. Which city in your country has the most people? _____
8. Which month gets the most rain in your town? _____

D

Natural wonders

- 1 Read the article. Then write the name of the correct natural wonder under each picture.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____

Canada's Seven Wonders

In 2007, the CBC TV and radio stations had a contest to choose the Seven Wonders of Canada. People sent their ideas to a website and voted for their favorites.

| People's Choices | Votes |
|--|---------|
| Sleeping Giant: This is a long peninsula in Lake Superior, which means it has water on three sides. From across the lake, it looks like a big, sleeping person! | 177,305 |
| Niagara Falls: These amazing waterfalls are on the border of Canada and the United States. There are three waterfalls, but the largest and most beautiful is called Horseshoe Falls, and most of it is in Canada. | 81,818 |
| Bay of Fundy: This is a large body of water where the Atlantic Ocean meets part of Canada. It has the highest tides in the world. The water from the ocean comes in 17 meters higher than when it goes out! | 67,670 |
| Nahanni National Park Reserve: This beautiful national park in northern Canada has rivers, waterfalls, mountains, forests, birds, fish, and other animals. | 64,920 |
| Northern Lights: These are colorful moving lights in the sky. The best time to see them is on very dark, cool nights in March, April, September, and October. | 61,417 |
| The Rockies: The Canadian Rockies are beautiful, high mountains that have sharp peaks and wide valleys. They are cool and wet, but the tops have no trees because it is too cold and rocky for them to grow. | 55,630 |
| Cabot Trail: This 950-kilometer hiking trail through part of the Rockies has some of the most beautiful views in Canada. It is named after John Cabot, an Italian man who explored the land in 1497. | 44,073 |

- 2 Read the article again. Then answer the questions.

- When was the contest for the Seven Wonders of Canada? 2007
- Which place had the most votes? _____
- Which ocean's water goes into the Bay of Fundy? _____
- What are the best months to see the northern lights? _____
- How long is the Cabot Trail? _____