Teacher's Guide

Natural Wonders - Intermediate (B1-B2)



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Natural Wonders

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Editable Worksheet Link:

Student Worksheet: Natural Wonders

Video Link: ⊕7 NATURAL Wonders of the World - Fast Facts

Warm-up discussion

Part 1. Students discuss the questions.

Part 2. Students say which quotes they agree with, and why.

Video activity

Part 1. Tell students that they are going to watch a video called "7 Natural Wonders of the World." Before watching, students discuss the following questions.

Part 2. Students watch the video.

Part 3. Students discuss the questions.

Part 4. Students choose three wonders from the video and complete the notes for each one.

1. Grand Canyon

Where is it?

Arizona, United States

One interesting fact:

It is 277 miles long, over a mile deep and up to 18 miles wide. It was carved by the Colorado River over 5–6 million years.

2. Harbour of Rio de Janeiro (Guanabara Bay)

Where is it?

Brazil

One interesting fact:

It is the largest natural deepwater bay in the world by volume, shaped by erosion from the Atlantic Ocean.

3. Great Barrier Reef

Where is it?

Coral Sea, off the coast of Queensland, Australia

One interesting fact:

It is the largest coral reef system on Earth, made up of over 2,900 reefs and 900 islands, and can be seen from space.

4. Mount Everest

Where is it?

Border between Nepal and China (Himalayas)

One interesting fact:

It is the highest mountain above sea level at over 29,000 feet. About 95% of climbers use bottled oxygen due to the risk of cerebral hypoxia.

5. Paricutín Volcano

Where is it?

Near the city of Uruapan, Mexico

One interesting fact:

It is the only volcano in history whose birth was witnessed and recorded. It erupted for nine years before becoming dormant in 1952.

6. Victoria Falls

Where is it?

On the border of Zimbabwe and Zambia

One interesting fact:

It is the largest waterfall in the world (by combined height and width). The Zambezi River drops 355 feet over a width of 5,604 feet.

7. Aurora (Northern Lights)

Where is it?

Visible in places like Canada, Iceland and Norway

One interesting fact:

They are created by collisions between electrically charged particles from the Sun and gases in Earth's atmosphere. Different gases create different colours.

Vocabulary & speaking

Part 1. Students read the short dialogues and guess what the bold words and expressions mean.

Answer key:

- 1. **breathtaking** amazingly beautiful
- 2. remote far away from towns or cities
- 3. **massive** extremely large
- 4. peaceful calm and quiet
- 5. **dangerous** not safe, risky
- 6. fragile easily damaged
- 7. bucket list a list of things you want to do in your life
- 8. **untouched** in a natural state, not changed by people
- Part 2. Students complete the sentences with their own ideas.
- Part 3. Students choose one option and explain their choice.
- Part 4. Students read the situations and explain what they would say or do.

<u>Reflection</u>

Students discuss the questions.