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Skim the text to get the gist

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A Spring of Natural Wonders

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[1] What an unforgettable spring! Last month, I stepped out of my comfort zone, said goodbye to my parents and joined a study tour to Alberta, Canada. It was one of the happiest experiences of my life, filled with natural beauty and outdoor fun.

[2] One of Canada's most famous natural features is its lakes. There are over 2 million lakes across the country! Some lakes are so big that they look like seas, while others are small and hidden in forests. The lakes are also home to many kinds of fish and birds.

[3] On our trip, we visited the beautiful Sylvan Lake. We picnicked next to the lake and had a great time. In Canada, people like spending time at lakes. They enjoy swimming, fishing and boating in summer and go ice skating and play pond hockey in winter, when the lakes are frozen.

[4] We also hiked Tunnel Mountain in Banff National Park. The view from the mountain top was incredible! During winter, people ski on the trail.

A lot of people like snowboarding down the snowy hills. I didn't know mountains could be so much fun!

[5] No trip to Alberta is complete without seeing a waterfall. We visited Athabasca Falls. It was amazing to watch so much water rushing through the narrow gorge! I liked hearing its deep thunderous roar.

[6] Canada's natural wonders are not only beautiful but also important for wildlife and humans. Lakes provide clean water, while mountains and forests are home to many species. Through this tour, I learnt about the importance of protecting the natural environment. If you ever visit Canada, don't miss these

wonderful features!

RaC: Science

What are some natural features of our planet?



Blacken ● the circles.

1. In winter, some frozen lakes in Canada are suitable for _____.
☐ A. pond hockey and fishing
☐ B. pond hockey and boating
☐ C. ice skating and swimming
☐ D. ice skating and pond hockey
2. Which of the following statements is **TRUE**?
☐ A. Emily went on the study tour in summer.
☐ B. Emily rode a train through Tunnel Mountain.
☐ C. Snowboarding is a popular activity in winter.
☐ D. Canada has up to 2 million lakes across the country.

Write A, B, C and D in the boxes.

3. Match the descriptions with the correct paragraphs.

- A. mountains and waterfalls
- B. lakes and what people do there
- C. the importance of Canada's natural wonders
- D. information about the study tour and Canada

(a) Paragraph 1

(b) Paragraphs 2-3

(c) Paragraphs 4-5

(d) Paragraph 6

Write a complete sentence.

4. Why is it important to protect Canada's natural environment?

Unit 2

Vocabulary

Complete the word search.

Read the paragraph and circle the answers in the grid. The number on the line shows how many letters there are in each word.

Canada is full of beautiful (1) 7 wonders. In spring, people love to go hiking on high (2) 9 and enjoy the stunning views from there. In winter, the (3) 5 slopes are perfect for skiing and other fun activities. Its beautiful (4) 5 also allow people to do different activities, such as swimming and boating. Canada also has many (5) 10, such as Athabasca Falls. It is amazing to see the water rushing through the narrow (6) 5. In addition, the thick and dense (7) 7 are home to many wildlife animals, including moose and bears. We should protect the (8) 11 so that everyone can enjoy these wonderful features.

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N	F	A	S	E	R	Z	G	S	R	F	M	L	F
T	A	K	U	B	R	J	M	Q	N	Q	K	V	O
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I	S	I	U	X	J	L	A	K	E	S	W	W	E
N	R	E	Q	R	Y	A	T	L	U	L	O	Y	S
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Reading Skill



Skim the text to get the gist

Skimming means reading quickly to identify the main idea of a text. We can do this by:

- reading the title and subheadings
→ They summarise what the text is about.
- looking at the pictures
→ They give us more information about the topic.
- reading the topic sentence (first or last sentence of each paragraph) → It tells us the main idea of the paragraph.
- looking out for keywords or phrases
→ They give us some clues about the topic of the text.

Try this!

Read the text and blacken ● the circle.

The first sentence tells us that it is about Africa's natural features.

The title shows that the text is about Africa.

Exploring Africa

Africa has many amazing natural features. One of them is Mount Kilimanjaro. It is the highest mountain and a famous volcano in Africa. It stands at 5,895 metres high and is over 3 million years old. People from all over the world visit Kilimanjaro to enjoy its beautiful scenery.



The Sahara Desert is another incredible feature. It is the largest hot desert in the world. Tourists visit the desert to explore its unique landscapes and learn about local cultures. They ride on camels to travel across the desert and experience its beauty.

The picture shows a camel, which can be found in deserts.

This sentence tells us that the paragraph is about a desert, which is a natural feature.

The keywords tell us that the text is about natural features.

What is the text about?

- ☐ A. Africa's camels
 ☐ B. Africa's tourism
 ☐ C. Africa's natural features
 ☐ D. Africa's man-made landmarks

Word List

A

air pollution (n.)	空氣污染
animal charity (n.)	動物慈善機構
animal part (n.)	動物身體部位
animal rights advocate (n.)	動物權益倡導者
ashamed of	對……感到羞愧
attentive (adj.)	專心的
awesome (adj.)	令人驚嘆的

B

beautiful lake (n.)	美麗的湖泊
become a volunteer	成為義工
believe in myself	相信自己
bridge (n.)	橋
bring your own water bottle	自備水瓶
burn incense	燒香

C

celebrate (v.)	慶祝
concerned about	對……感到擔心
confident (adj.)	自信的／有信心的
cruelty-free product (n.)	無動物實驗產品

D

decorate homes	布置家居
delicious (adj.)	美味的
diligent (adj.)	勤奮的／勤勞的
disappointed with	對……感到失望
donate money	捐款
dragon dance (n.)	舞龍

Text Types Analysis

Pamphlets

A pamphlet can be a small booklet or a piece of paper. It gives information about a topic and encourages us to take action. It uses headings, pictures and short sentences to help us understand a topic quickly.

Let's read a pamphlet.

Heading

Tells us what the topic is and catches our attention

Introduction

Creates interests and invites us to continue reading

Subheadings

Help us find information

Use persuasive language to make it convincing

Pictures

Catch our attention

Call for action

Earth Day: More Than Just One Day

If you think only 22nd April is Earth Day, think again! Here are some simple things we can do every day for planet Earth.



Save Energy at Home

Turn off all lights and electronic devices when not in use. Help save precious resources.



Reduce Plastic Use

Bring reusable water bottles and shopping bags. Say 'no' to plastic and help reduce plastic waste.



Plant Something Green

Plant flowers or even herbs at home. They purify the air and brighten your flat.



Join a Cleanup

Join a beach cleanup. Teamwork makes a huge difference.

Earth Day Every Day

Remember, every action counts. Care for our planet every day, for it is the only home we all share.



Unit 1

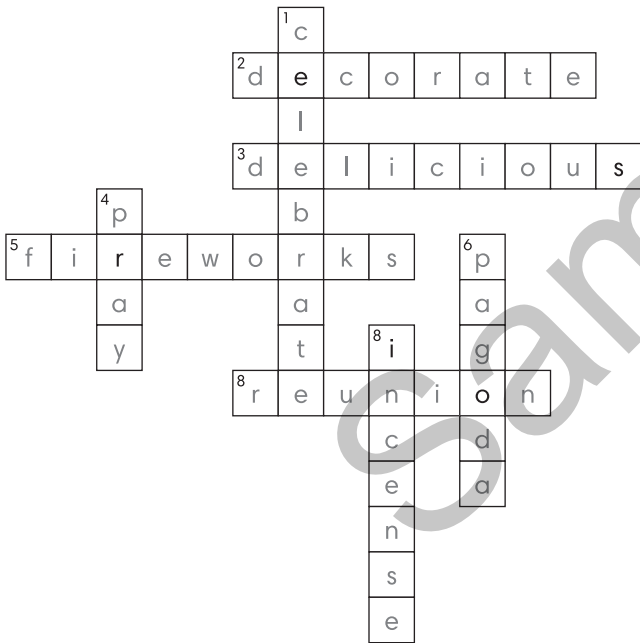
Reading 1

文章概要：

這篇雜誌文章介紹了越南的農曆新年 (Tết)。越南農曆新年已有超過 2,000 年的歷史，是當地最重要的節日之一。文章內容涵蓋越南人在農曆新年前的準備工作、賀年食品、傳統習俗，以及這些習俗所蘊含的象徵意義。

1. D
2. A
3. C
4. (a) reunion (b) traditional
5. It refers to the Vietnamese / Vietnamese families.
6. It is because it shows the beauty of Vietnamese culture / brings families together / fills the new year with happiness and good wishes.

Vocabulary



Reading Skill

1. C
2. D
3. C

Reading 2

文章概要：

這篇新聞報道記述了內地不同地區慶祝元宵節的情景——人們不但參加元宵燈會，還觀賞花燈、欣賞表演和猜燈謎。同時，他們與家人團聚、共享團年飯和湯圓，並在月色和煙火的映照下，為新的一年留下美好的期許。