

LESSON 3

TALK ABOUT GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES



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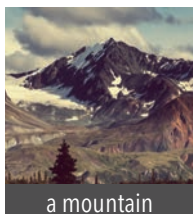
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What's the hottest place on Earth?
The first person who answers gets
to take me there on vacation! 😊

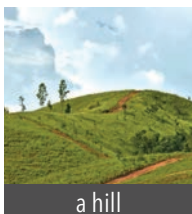


1 VOCABULARY Geographical features

A ▶ 07-14 Listen. Then listen and repeat.



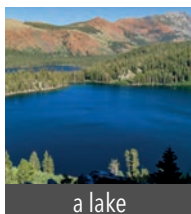
a mountain



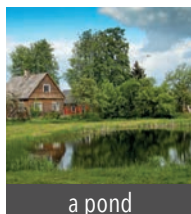
a hill



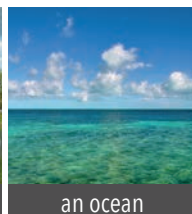
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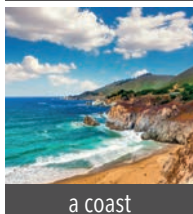
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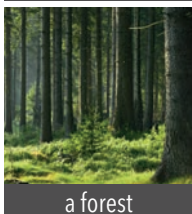
a pond



an ocean



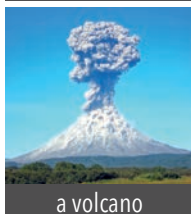
a coast



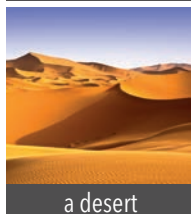
a forest



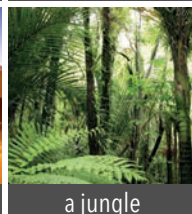
an island



a volcano



a desert



a jungle

B Look at the words in 1A. Write them in the correct category.

Land	Water
a hill	an ocean

C PAIRS Add 2-3 more geographical features to the list in 1A.



2 GRAMMAR Superlative adjectives

Use superlative adjectives to compare more than two people or things. Use *the* or a possessive adjective (*my / her*, etc.) before the superlative.

Rules	Adjective	Superlative
For most one-syllable adjectives, add <i>-(e)st</i> for the superlative.	high large	highest largest
For one-syllable adjectives ending in one vowel + one consonant, double the final consonant and add <i>-est</i> .	hot big	hottest biggest
For two-syllable adjectives ending in <i>y</i> , drop the <i>y</i> and add <i>-iest</i> .	happy pretty	happiest prettiest
For most adjectives with two or more syllables, use <i>least</i> or <i>most</i> + the adjective.	beautiful popular	most beautiful least popular

Notes

- Superlatives are often used with prepositional phrases with *in* or *of*.
*Australia is the **smallest** continent **of** all.*
- Some adjectives have irregular forms.
good → **best** bad → **worst** far → **farthest / furthest**



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3 PRONUNCIATION

- A** ▶ 07-16 Listen. Notice the way /t/ is dropped before a consonant and linked to a vowel. Then listen and repeat.

the smallest~~t~~ country the largest~~t~~ island
the highest~~t~~ mountain the deepest~~t~~ ocean

- B** ▶ 07-17 Draw a line (/) through t in the superlative if we can drop the sound /t/. Draw a linking line to show where we link t to the next word. Listen and check your answers.

1. What's the tallest building?
2. What's the hottest place?
3. What's the most expensive city?
4. Which city has the best food?
5. Which city has the busiest airport?
6. What's the most interesting park?
7. What's the most beautiful city?
8. What's the best time of year to visit?

- C** **PAIRS** Ask and answer the questions in 3B about your country.

Dropping the /t/ and linking in superlatives

We often drop the sound /t/ in words that end in -st when the next word begins with a consonant sound: *the smallest~~t~~ country*. We do this to make a long group of consonant sounds easier to say. When the next word begins with a vowel sound, we pronounce the /t/ and link it to the following vowel: *the largest~~t~~ island*.

4 LISTENING

- A** ▶ 07-18 Listen to the quiz show. What are the questions about?
- a. people b. numbers c. places

- B** ▶ 07-18 Read the Listening Skill. Listen again. Circle the correct answers.

1. The smallest country in the world has under **100 / 1,000 / 10,000** people.
2. It also has the world's largest **church / palace / park**.
3. The largest lake in the world is in **Asia / Africa / North America**.
4. Aconcagua is more than **22,000 / 28,000 / 32,000** feet tall.
5. The Nile River is **shorter / longer / deeper** than the Yangtze River.
6. The hottest place in the world is **Death Valley / the Sahara Desert / the Australian Outback**.

- C** **PAIRS** Compare your answers in 4B.



LISTENING SKILL

Listen for specific information

When you're listening, you don't need to understand every word. Focus on the information you think you'll need in order to understand the topic. For example, listen to places, times, dates, numbers, and names.

5 TRY IT YOURSELF

- A** **MAKE IT PERSONAL** Choose three geographical features from 1A. Write three places for each geographical feature. Name places in your country or in other locations. Take notes.
a mountain: Mount Everest, K2, Makalu

- B** **PAIRS** Discuss your notes from 5A. Compare the places using adjectives. Which is the highest, smallest / largest, least popular, or most beautiful?

A: For a mountain, I listed Mount Everest, K2, and Makalu.

B: Mount Everest is in China and Nepal. It's the highest mountain in the world.

A: What else do you know about it?

■ I CAN TALK ABOUT GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES.

