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PER TUTTI GLI ALUNNI:

Task Number 1:

Complete short world geography quiz to get you into the geography mindset.

Task Number 2:

Watch, read and complete activities on the natural wonders of the world.

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TASK 1:

TEST YOUR GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE WORLD



Re-arrange the letters of the countries or states, then say which continent they are in

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| 1. inaps = <u>Spain, Europe</u> | 9. diani _____ |
| 2. airsus _____ | 10. panaj _____ |
| 3. niaroma _____ | 11. danleng _____ |
| 4. inach _____ | 12. rasiel _____ |
| 5. rupe _____ | 13. andraw _____ |
| 6. cfrane _____ | 14. saxet _____ |
| 7. kasala _____ | 15. graynuh _____ |
| 8. gentarnia _____ | 16. ynamreg _____ |

Answer the questions about geographical features and tourist attractions:

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| 1. Which is the highest mountain in the world? | 6. In which country is Machu Picchu located? |
| 2. Where is the Eiffel Tower? | 7. Where is the Statue of Liberty? |
| 3. What river runs through Egypt? | 8. Where do polar bears live? |
| 4. Where is Ayers Rock/Uluru? | 9. Where is the Taj Mahal? |
| 5. Which is the largest ocean? | 10. On which continents do elephants live? |

Answer these questions, which are about food, drink, customs and general questions:

- Which country specializes in pizza, pasta and Chianti?
- Name three countries which grow and eat rice:
- Name a country which produces a lot of wheat to feed the world.
- Name three countries which are major holiday destinations:
- Name the countries of these capital cities: a.Paris b.Beijing c.Islamabad d.Tokyo. e.Moscow.
a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____
- Name three world languages which are widely spoken.
- Name a country where the greeting is a bow and not a handshake?
- Which country specializes in fish and chips, roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, and chicken tikka?
- Which country has the biggest population?
- Which is the best country in the world? 😊Why?



TASK 2: Natural Wonders of the World

<http://allprofessionalenglish.blogspot.com/2020/04/natural-wonders-of-world-article-with.html>

I Reflect and answer the questions.

- a) What are the most beautiful places you to visit in your country?
- b) What are the three most beautiful places in the world in your opinion?

II Look at the list of the natural wonders of the world. Rank them from number 10 (the least interesting) to number 1 (the most interesting) based on how interesting the places are in your opinion.

- A. the Niagara Falls
- B. Antarctica
- C. the Amazon River
- D. the Grand Canyon
- E. Gunung Mulu National Park
- F. the Galapagos Islands
- G. Mount Everest
- H. Serengeti National Park
- I. the Sahara Desert
- J. Victoria Falls

III Watch the [video](#) and put the natural wonders in the correct order (according to their place in the list of the natural wonders starting with 10). Did you have the same ideas as the speaker? Do you agree with the speaker's choice? What would be your choice for the natural wonder number one? What two places would you like to visit and why?

For example: number 10- G

- A. the Niagara Falls
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IV Watch the video again and fill in the gaps with the definite article (*THE*) where necessary. If no article is used write (-) in the blank.

10 - Mount Everest

Among the top 10 of such beautiful places is 1) _____ **Mount Everest**.

This is exactly the highest mountain worldwide which is 8,848 meters tall. Located on the border between 2) _____ **Nepal** and 3) _____ **Tibet**, this hill attracts climbers of any age. Not many folks are able to access the



peak because of risks like altitude, health issues, and weather conditions. As a result, several climbers have lost their life.

9 - Gunung Mulu National Park

4) _____ **Gunung Mulu National Park** in 5) _____ **Borneo**, it is a UNESCO world heritage site. The park is known for great attractions of caves. Viewing millions of bats as they simply enter as well as leave the caves is an outstanding experience. The Sarawak Chamber in Lubang Nasib Bagus is the largest famous natural space or room on earth. This chamber is about 700 meters in length, 396 meters broad and also 70 meters tall.

8 - Antarctica

6) _____ **Antarctica** is the coldest, driest and also windiest in the world. The minimum heat recorded here was minus 87 degrees Celsius. And though 97% of the continent is touched with ice, it is the largest desert across the world. Without a human population within this continent, the area is not governed by any specific nation. The only existing organisms here are cold weather adapted beasts and also plants.

7 - Amazon River

It is awesome to see 7) _____ **Amazon River** in 8) _____ **South America** as it is the second lengthiest river on earth. 9) _____ **Amazon River** also has the biggest drainage bowl. This fantastic water measures a hundred to two hundred kilometres broad and no bridge since most of river flows via the Amazon woodland.

6 - Niagara Falls

10) _____ **Niagara Falls** are located in the boundary between 11) _____ **USA** and 12) _____ **Canada** and is yet another terrific natural wonder around the world.

5 - Galapagos Islands

13) _____ **Galapagos Islands** situated in the west of 14) _____ **Ecuador** are comprised of 13 islands. The major attractions of these islands are the unique and also fearless animals. The most beasts frequently seen include huge tortoise, huge sea lions, great whales, giant penguins together with different bird species. The chief activities there are viewing the wildlife, snorkelling, leaping, and hill climbing.

4 - Serengeti National Park

15) _____ **Serengeti** in 16) _____ **Tanzania** together with Masai Mara in 17) _____ **Kenya** yearly wildebeest migration is among the largest bulk movements of land mammals globally. This includes over a million untamed beasts including the lion, gazelle, and hyena among other wildlife. This pure wonder worldwide is just one of the greatest spectacles in the African continent.

3- Victoria Falls

Situated on the boundary between 18) _____ **Zambia** and 19) _____ **Zimbabwe**, the drops are the ever-longest on earth. It's 1708 metres large with a height of a hundred and eight meters. The dropping of water is around 1,088 cubic metres per second. The sound of the drops is obvious during the dry season. You can hear the thunder miles and miles away.



2 - Sahara Desert

20) _____ Sahara Desert in 21) _____ Africa is the largest hot desert on earth. The desert comprises of huge sand dunes as well as giant hard rocky plateaus.

1 - Grand Canyon

22) _____ Grand Canyon in the States is yet another beautiful all-natural wonder of the world. The canyon which happens to be about 1500 meters deep is 277 miles long as well as 18 miles broad.

V Articles in geographical names. Study the rules and complete them with the examples in the gaps **a- u** using words in **bold** from **task IV**.

Definite article (THE) is used with:

- **countries** (names include words **union, state, republic, kingdom, federation**: *the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Arab Emirates, the People's Republic of China, a)* _____
- **countries (name is in plural)**: *the Philippines, the Netherlands*
- **oceans**: *the Atlantic Ocean, the Pacific Ocean*
- **straits**: *the Strait of Dover, the Bosphorus*
- **seas**: *the Black Sea*
- **ivers**: *the Thames, b) _____*
- **waterfalls (a cascade of several waterfalls)**: *c) _____*
- **gulfs, harbours, bays** (if the name contains **preposition of**): *the Gulf of Mexico, the Gulf of Finland, the Gulf of Aden*

BUT! In other cases no article is used: *Persian Gulf, Hudson Bay*

- **groups of islands**: *the Canaries, d) _____*
- **plains, valleys, deserts**: *the Great Plains, the Mississippi Valley, e) _____*
- **plateaus, canyons**: *the Colorado Plateau; f) _____*

No article is used with:

- **names of most countries**: *Japan, France, g) _____, h) _____, i) _____, j) _____, k) _____, l) _____, m) _____*
- **continents and geographical areas**: *Europe, n) _____, o) _____, p) _____*
- **regions**: *Western Europe, Central America, South Asia, q) _____*
- **states**: *Texas*
- **individual mountains**: *Kilimanjaro, r) _____*
- **individual islands**: *Sicily, Malta, s) _____*
- **individual waterfalls**: *Victoria Falls*
- **national parks**: *t) _____, u) _____*

VI Read the text about the Seven Wonders of the Natural World list first created by the TV channel CNN and Seven Wonders of the World website. **Read the rules in task V and fill in the gaps with the definite article (*the*) where necessary.**



The Seven Natural Wonders of the World

The Seven Wonders of the Natural World list was compiled by CNN and Seven Natural Wonders in 1997. This list spans all 7 continents and includes some of the greatest heights of the earth and depths of the oceans.

Number 1



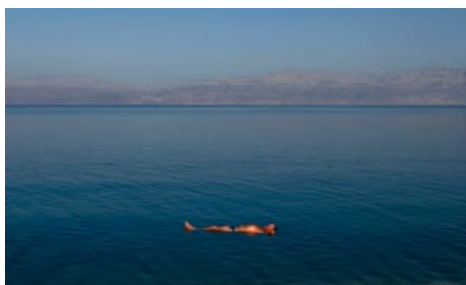
Situated in 1)_____ **Arizona** in 2)_____ **USA**, 3)_____ **Grand Canyon** is truly awe-inspiring. The canyon, which measures up to a mile deep and some 18 miles wide at its broadest, was formed over time by the course of 4)_____ **Colorado River**. Scientists estimate that the river first carved out its path more than 17 million years ago.

Number 2



5)_____ **Parícutin** is a cinder cone volcano located in 6)_____ **Mexico**. After erupting for 19 years, the volcano went quiet in 1952. Today the volcano is silent. Visitors can experience Parícutin by traveling to the nearby town of 7)_____ **Angahuan** that survived the eruption.

Number 3



8)_____ **Dead Sea** is the lowest point on the planet. It is a salt lake bordered by Jordan to the east and 9)_____ **Israel** and 10)_____ **Palestine** to the west. Its surface and shores are 429 metres below sea level. Tourists traveling to 11)_____ **Dead Sea** can also visit 12)_____ **Jordan Valley**, go cycling between farming villages, and hike to Petra. The Dead Sea attracts visitors from around 13)_____ **Mediterranean Sea**. For them 14)_____ **Dead Sea** is a place for rest famous for its oxygen-rich air and mineral-rich water. People also use the salt and the minerals from 15)_____ **Dead Sea** to create cosmetics.



Number 4



As 16) _____ **Zambezi** **River** crosses the border between 17) _____ **Zambia** and 18) _____ **Zimbabwe**, its waters descend 355 feet to form the astonishing 19) _____ **Victoria Falls**. The waterfall was named in 1855 after Queen Victoria, the then reigning English monarch. 20) _____ **Victoria Falls** is not the highest or the broadest waterfall on the planet, but it qualifies as the largest.

Number 5



21) _____ **Harbour of Rio** is a 19-mile stretch of land to the east of 22) _____ **Rio de Janeiro**, the second-largest city in 23) _____ **Brazil**. It was created by erosion from 24) _____ **Atlantic Ocean** and is also known as 25) _____ **Guanabara Bay**. The Harbor is surrounded by mountains that include the famous 26) _____ **Sugar Loaf Mountain** at 1,296 feet (395 m) and 27) _____ **Corcovado Peak** at 2,310 feet (704 m). In 28) _____ **Harbor of Rio de Janeiro** there are numerous islands including 29) _____ **Paquetá Island**, 30) _____ **Villegagnon Island**, 31) _____ **Governor's Island**, 32) _____ **Fundao** and 33) _____ **Snakes Island**.

Number 6



34) _____ **Maldives**, officially 35) _____ **Republic of Maldives**, is a South Asian island country, located in 36) _____ **Indian Ocean**. It lies southwest of 37) _____ **India** and 38) _____ **Sri Lanka**. It is a chain of twenty-six atolls. The majority of resorts offer scuba diving and a chance to see 1,100 species of fish, five species of sea turtles, 21 species of whales and dolphins, 400 species of molluscs. The islands are popular among honeymooners but also have family programmes.



Number 7



Last, but certainly not least, is the world's highest point. **39) _____ Mount Everest** is one of the most iconic natural features of the globe. At 29,029 feet tall, it is ranked first among mountains. Today, those looking forward to climbing the mountain so still have to be in good physical condition and take great risks. Climbing the mountain is a hugely popular challenge for anyone looking to test themselves.

VII OVER TO YOU. *Create your own list of seven natural wonders of the world paying attention to the use of articles with geographical names. You can include the natural wonders from your country. Give some information about the places you chose (what type of place it is (a mountain, a river), where it's located, what makes this place so special. Include photos of the places.*