

Title: A World of Wonders

Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

burst	fossil	carbon dioxide	particles	lungs
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1. They found a fossil in one of the rocks they collected.
2. Particles are so small you cannot see them with just your eye.
3. We could not breathe if we did not have lungs.
4. Humans breathe in oxygen and breathe out carbon dioxide.
5. My brother burst into my room and yelled, "There's a fire!"

Reading Comprehension

A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. The Northern Lights are fireworks. T / F
2. There is a famous museum in the Galapagos Islands. T / F
3. Coral reefs are just giant rocks animals live on. T / F
4. The Amazon rainforest is in Australia. T / F
5. The first ten-story building was built in Chicago. T / F

B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. The Kamchatka Peninsula is interesting because it has volcanoes and (tortoises / glaciers).
2. The Grand Canyon was made by a (little river / huge earthquake).
3. The Great Pyramid in Giza is the most (beautiful / famous) pyramid of them all.
4. The Panama Canal (connects / cuts across) two oceans.
5. Some people call the Burj Khalifa a (tall / vertical) city.

C. Choose the best answer.

1. Which environment is NOT found in the Galapagos Islands?

- a. Forests
- b. Deserts
- c. Beaches
- d. Mountains

2. What does the Great Barrier Reef do?

- a. It helps keep the ocean healthy.
- b. It helps keep the ocean warm.
- c. It helps keep tourists coming to Australia.
- d. It helps keep Australia safe from waves.

3. According to the book, what does the Amazon rainforest do for the Earth?

- a. It causes needed rain.
- b. It makes a lot of oxygen.
- c. It supplies a lot of wood.
- d. It makes the planet more beautiful.

4. What happened in Egypt in 2008?

- a. A pyramid was opened.
- b. A pyramid was built.
- c. A pyramid was destroyed.
- d. A pyramid was found.

5. What is impressive about the North Sea Protection Works?

- a. It is the newest dam in the world.
- b. It was built across a sea.
- c. It flooded a lot of land.
- d. It cost a lot of money.

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

Reef	glaciers	vertical	tons	oxygen
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There are many natural wonders in the world. One is the Northern Lights, which look like fireworks. There is also a place in Russia with both volcanoes and glaciers! In South America there are the Galapagos Islands. Many special animals and plants live there. In Australia there is the Great Barrier Reef. It is alive and gives many animals a home. It also keeps the ocean clean. The Amazon rainforest in South America makes oxygen for all of us to breathe. But some wonders are man-made. There is Stonehenge in England. It is made with rocks that weigh up to 40 tons. There are also the ancient pyramids in Egypt. One newer man-made wonder is some dams in the Netherlands that keep the sea out. There is also the tallest building in the world. It is like a vertical city. There are lots of wonders in the world.