### **NEW BUILDING BRIDGES 5**



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## In this unit you will...

- learn what the weather is like in different parts of the world.
- read about the poles, rainforests and deserts.
- talk about life on a farm.
- learn how to compare things.
- read about chameleons, sharks, chimpanzees, owls and other animals.
- read about tornadoes, wildfires, floods and avalanches.
- listen to a new episode of the "Brain
- learn how to ask for help with difficult words in English.



5.1

## THE WORLD

## WORDSPOT ©

Match the symbols to the text.

It's sunny. A It's windy. D
It's snowing. B It's raining. E

It's foggy. C It's cloudy.









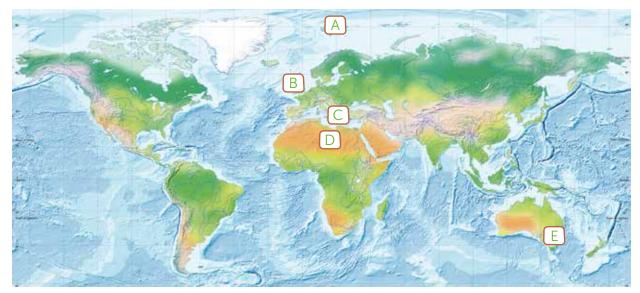


- Answer the questions.
  - 1 What is the weather like today?
  - 2 What season and month is it?

- 3 Which is your favourite season? Why?
- 4 What kind of weather do you like? Why?

#### READING

Read the texts on the opposite page. Find a place on the map for each text.



Read again. Copy the table into your notebook and complete it.

Place	Season	Temperature	Weather
Egypt	winter		sunny
Sydney, Australia			sunny
London			foggy, cloudy, rainy
the Arctic	winter		
Tbilisi	winter	not cold	

#### 1 Dubrovnik

Dear Ana,
Today it's
sunny and it
isn't cold. We
are going for
a walk. I'm
sure it must
be colder in
England than
in Dubrovnik!
It's warmer and
sunnier here.
Write back soon!



2

#### Sydney, Australia

It's summer again! It's hot in the morning and even hotter during the day. We're going to the beach. No rain! This time of the year is always very dry in Australia.

3

#### The Arctic

It's freezing and it's very windy. Only the polar bears are happy. 4

#### Egypt

It's much nicer here than in London. It's warm. There are no clouds in the sky, and the sun's shining. A perfect day for visiting the pyramids.



5

#### London

Weather today: foggy in the morning, cloudy and rainy during the day. Cold. Colder tomorrow.



REMEMBER!

#### **COMPARATIVE - SHORT ADJECTIVES**

cold - colder than

It's **colder** in London than in Dubrovnik.

#### **BE CAREFUL!**

nice → nicer hot → hotter sunny → sunnier It's much **nicer** than in London.

It's hot in the morning and even **hotter** during the day. It's **sunnier** than in England.

#### Look at Task D again. Write the correct sentences into your notebook.

- 1 It's warmer / colder in Sydney than in London.
- 2 It's warmer / colder in London than in the Arctic.
- 3 It's nicer / cloudier in Egypt than in London.
- 4 It's hotter / colder in Australia than in Egypt.
- 5 Dubrovnik is sunnier / cloudier than London.



Do these words describe the desert, the rainforest or the poles? Explain why they belong in that group.

a polar bear ice a camel wood

the Arctic tall trees the Sahara

sand wet Africa dry rain

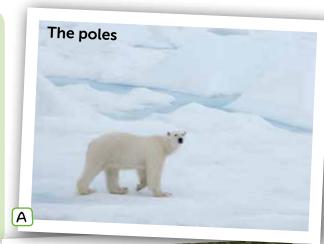
South America penguins the Antarctic

#### READING

Listen and read. Match the pictures to the texts.



The biggest tropical forests are in South America. They are called rainforests.
The rainforest is a hot, wet place. It often rains there. It is full of tall trees and lots of different plants. There are lots of animals because there is a lot of food for them.
Every year these forests are becoming smaller and smaller because people cut down trees to get wood. When people destroy the forest, they also destroy lots of plant and animal homes.



They are the driest places on Earth. It almost never rains there. The Sahara, in Africa, is the largest hot desert in the world. It is like an ocean of sand. To travel in the desert you need "the ship of the desert", or the camel. The camel can travel in the desert for ten days without food or water. After that it is very hungry and thirsty, and it just rests, eats and drinks for days.



The top and the bottom of the world are the coldest places on Earth. They are lands of ice and snow. But some animals live there.

The Arctic is home to polar bears, and they love its cold, windy weather. Winter is the happiest time for the bears because that is the time when they catch seals. For the penguins that live there, the Antarctic is the nicest place in the world.



#### Use words from the text instead of It and They.

- 1 They are the driest places on Earth.
- 2 It is the largest hot desert in the world.
- 3 It is the continent which has the biggest tropical forests.
- 4 They are the coldest places on Earth.
- 5 It is the happiest season for polar bears.
- 6 It is the nicest place in the world for penguins.



#### **SUPERLATIVE - SHORT ADJECTIVES**

cold - (the) coldest

The top and the bottom of the world are **the coldest** places on Earth.

#### **BE CAREFUL!**

large → the largest
big → the biggest
happy → the happiest

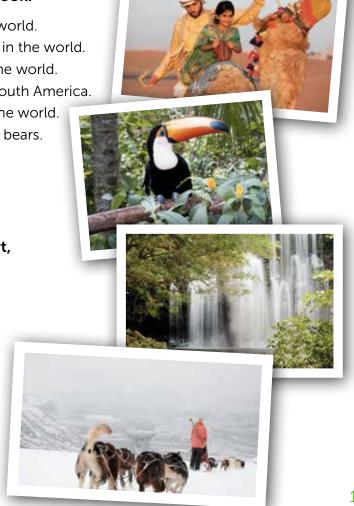
The Sahara is **the largest** hot desert in the world. **The biggest** tropical forests are in South America. Winter is **the happiest** time for polar bears.

#### Write the correct sentences into your notebook.

- 1 The desert is the driest / wettest place in the world.
- 2 The Sahara is the largest / smallest hot desert in the world.
- 3 Rainforests are the driest / wettest places in the world.
- 4 The biggest / smallest tropical forests are in South America.
- 5 The poles are the coldest / hottest places in the world.
- 6 Winter is the saddest / happiest time for polar bears.

#### **SPEAKING**

- 1 Which would you prefer to visit: the desert, the rainforest or one of the poles? Why?
  - 2 Imagine that you are... in the desert, or at one of the poles, or in the rainforest.
  - 1 What is the weather like?
  - 2 What are you wearing?
  - 3 What can you see? What can you hear?
  - 4 What do you need to survive in this place?



## 5.2

# CIFE ON THE FARM

#### A SAD FARM

A Describe the pictures. These words can help you:

tractor flowers dog farmhouse mice fox vegetable garden roof

hungry dirty broken dry thirsty
happy afraid ugly thin sad



#### LISTENING



Listen to the story about the sad farm, and put the pictures in the right order.

C Listen again and answer the questions.



- 1 What do the cows need?
- 2 Why can't the tractor go?
- track 47 3 Why are the chickens cold at night?
  - 4 Why is the fox happy?

- 5 Why are the flowers dying?
- 6 How do the mice feel?
- 7 Are there any vegetables in the garden?
- 8 Why is the dog so thin and sad?

#### A HAPPY FARM

Look at the picture. It is the same farm, but things are much better now. There is a new farmer. His name is Fred. What changes can you see?





Where do these words go? Write the answers into your notebook. Then listen and check.

Acheese B cleaner C cooks D fields E with F lots of

The farmhouse is painted, and it looks nicer. The flowers are more beautiful. The tractor is more useful. Farmer Fred drives it and works in the (1). In the vegetable garden there are (2) vegetables. Fred's wife Lisa (3) them for dinner. The cows are (4) They are happier and give a lot of milk. Fred sells it, and he also makes (5). The dog's life is better and more interesting. He plays (6) Fred's son Tim. He eats better food. He's not so thin any more. He's fatter.

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The chicken house has a new roof, and it is more comfortable. The chickens are warmer, and they aren't afraid (7) the fox any more. They give more (8) so farmer Fred and his family can have fresh eggs for breakfast in (9) morning. But not everybody is happy. The mice (10) run around. Their life is more difficult and more dangerous. There is (11) big cat on the farm now, and the mice are afraid. Life is also worse for the fox. He is not so fat, and he is hungry. He doesn't have chicken for (12) any more.