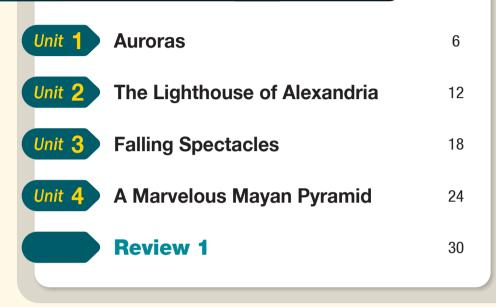




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World-Wide Wonders



Take a moment to think about the world we live in. From the beauty of nature to the magnificent structures humans have built, Earth is a wonderful place. Everything around us has a story to tell and an explanation for being. So, let's go on an exploration of different wonders from around the world and discover what their details reveal. Unit

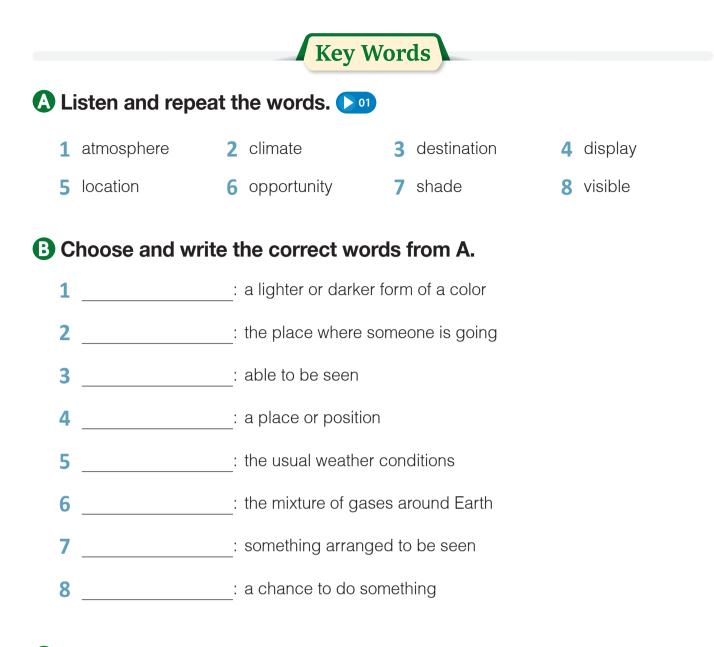
1 Auroras



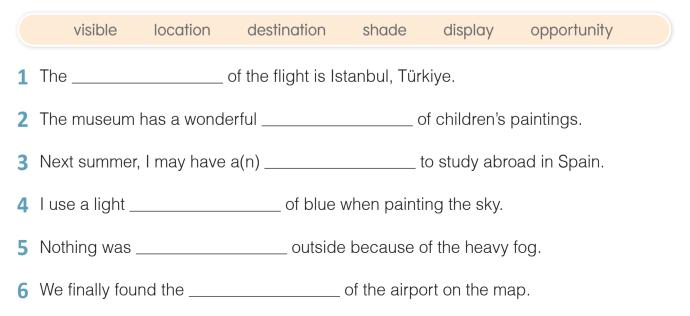
Discuss &Discover

1. Where is the woman in the photo?

- 2. What is she doing there?
- 3. What is she looking at?
- 4. How would you feel if you were there?



Choose and complete the sentences.





Auroras are natural **displays** of light that occur in the skies of Earth's two polar regions. Near the North Pole, they are known as the Northern Lights or Aurora Borealis. And near the South Pole, they are called the Southern Lights or Aurora Australis.

Auroras happen when tiny particles from the Sun meet gases in Earth's **atmosphere**. This causes enchanting **shades** of green, pink, and purple to appear. The colorful lights then float like sparkling ribbons dancing across the sky. For viewers, these magical light displays are most **visible** during clear, dark nights.

Discover in Reading

Where can you see auroras?





In the Northern Hemisphere, people can see the Northern Lights from many **locations**, including Canada, Alaska, Iceland, and Greenland. Tromsø, Norway is a particularly famous **destination** for aurora hunters. The Sun does not rise above the horizon from November to January, so winter nights are very long here. With so much darkness, there are many **opportunities** to see the Northern Lights in Tromsø.

The Southern Lights can best be seen from locations in the Southern Hemisphere such as New Zealand, Argentina, and Antarctica. However, Tasmania, Australia might be the best place of all. The island's location and its unique climate provide clear, dark skies throughout the year. So aurora hunters can see the Southern Lights in Tasmania during any season.

Both the Northern and Southern Lights are breathtaking displays of nature's beauty. What would be your favorite destination to see an aurora?

Reading Comprehension

Choose the correct answers.

1 What is the passage mainly about?

- a the people who hunt auroras
- b the devices needed to see auroras
- o the different shades of colors in auroras
- **o** the best times and places to see auroras

2 What are the Northern Lights also known as?

a the North Pole

- Aurora Borealis

3 When do auroras happen?

- a when particles from the Sun meet gases in Earth's atmosphere
- b when gas particles from Earth travel to the Sun
- o when the light from the Sun is weak
- **0** when the Sun rises above the horizon

4 Where can you observe Northern Lights?

- a in Brazil and South Africa
 b in Canada and Iceland
- In Australia and New Zealand
 In India and China

5 What can be inferred from the passage?

- (a) The Sun never sets in Tromsø during the summer.
- **b** Aurora hunting is a dangerous activity.
- O Auroras are less visible when the sky is cloudy.
- d Auroras are sometimes visible near the equator.

Think&Write

- 1 How are the Northern and Southern Lights different?
- 2 Which would you want to see? Why?

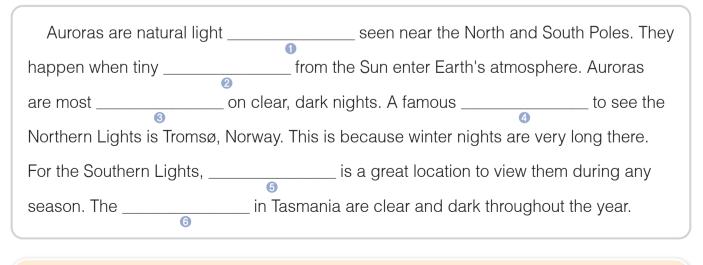
Graphic Organizer & Summary

Complete the chart.

Where Can You See Auroras?

Northern Hemisphere		
At places near the North Pole, including Canada,		
Best location: in winter		
Reason The Sun does not rise during the winter months.		
Southern Hemisphere		
At places near the South Pole, including New Zealand, Best location: Tasmania, Australia		
Reason Skies are clear and dark year-round due to		
its unique island climateAlaska, and Icelandabove the horizonduring any seasonArgentina, and AntarcticaTromsø, Norway		

B Complete the summary.



Tasmania location displays night skies visible particles