

Describing Landscapes



1. Match the underlined words to the pictures below.

a) On sunny days we sit next to the river and have a picnic.

b) There was a farm on top of the hill.

c) I think I can hear a waterfall, listen!

d) He lives alone on a very small island.

e) There are a lot of big mountains in my country.

f) Be careful, there is a cliff! Don't fall!

g) Are there a lot of fish in that lake?

h) There is a cave we can sleep in.

i) Are there animals in the forest?

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There is / There Are

We use 'there is' to say that something is in a place.

For example: *"There is a beach near my house."*

We use 'Is there...?' for questions about one thing.

For example: *"Is there a lake in your city?"*

For more than one thing (plurals), we use 'There are...' and 'Are there...?'

For example: *"There are three trees in the field."*



2. Complete the sentences below with 'there is', 'there are', 'is there' or 'are there'.

- a) three trees in the garden.
- b) a river in this area?
- c) three books on the table.
- d) a beautiful beach near the town.
- e) any shops near your school?
- f) a small island in the sea.
- g) a lake in the middle of the forest.
- h) a forest near your city?
- i) any restaurants near here?



3. Complete the questions with 'is there' or 'are there'. Take turns asking and answering them with a partner. Try to use 'there is / there are' in your answers.

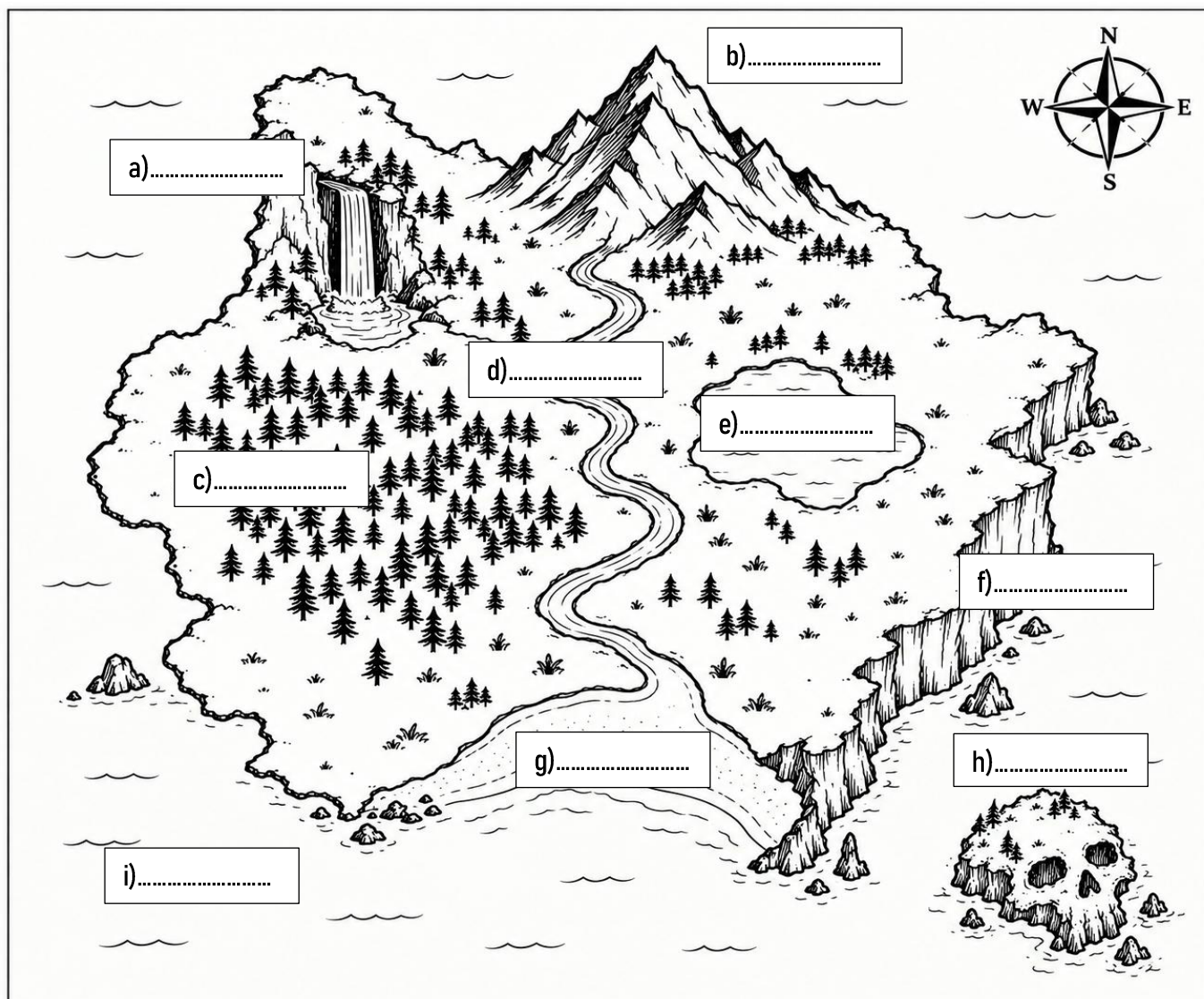
- a) a good cafe near your home?
- b) any food you don't like?
- c) any places you would like to visit this year?
- d) a place you often go to at the weekend?
- e) many people in your family?
- f) many tourists in your city?
- g) something you always have in your fridge?





4. Use the names in the box to complete the map below.

forest	beach	island	mountain
cliff	lake	river	sea
			waterfall



5. Look at the map above and make five 'there are / there is' sentences about it.

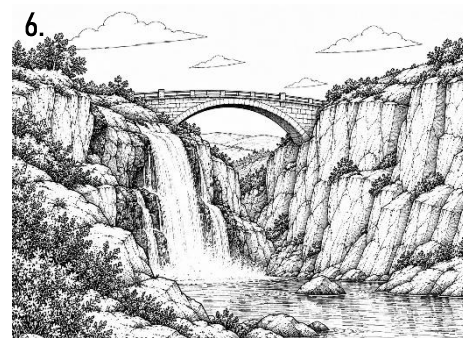
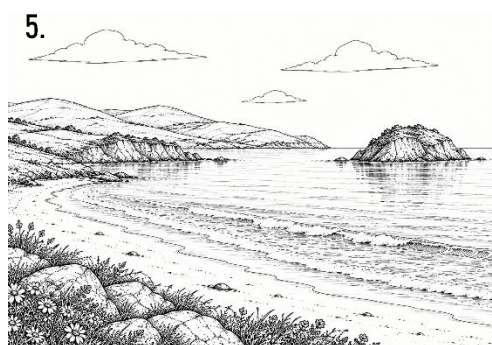
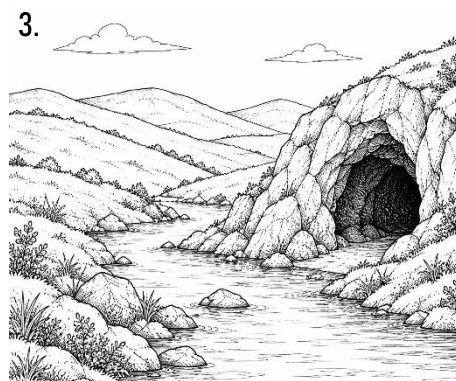
For example: *'There is an island east of the beach.'*

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)



6. Pairwork / game: look at the pictures below and choose one. Do not tell your partner which picture you chose. Take turns asking your partner 'Is there / Are there' questions about their picture. The first person to guess their partner's picture wins. If you guess the wrong picture, you lose the game.

For example: *"Is there a bridge in your picture?" "No, there isn't."*



There was / There were

When talking about one thing *in the past*, we use 'there was' not 'there is.'

For example: "There was a big tree in my garden when I was a kid."

We use 'Was there...?' for questions.

For example: "Was there a party last night?"

We use 'There were' and 'Were there...?' for sentences and questions about plurals.

For example: "There were a lot of rocks in the grass."

Or for questions: "Were there a lot of people at the party?"



7. Complete the sentences below with 'there was', 'there were', 'was there' or 'were there'.

- a) a large tree next to the house.
- b) any bushes near the path?
- c) three big rocks next to the river.
- d) a bridge over the river?
- e) a lot of people at the cinema?
- f) any milk in the fridge?
- g) a lot of cats in her house.
- h) two fields near the village.



8. Complete the questions with 'was there' or 'were there'. Ask and answer them with a partner. Try to use 'there was / there were' in your answers.

- a) a TV in your bedroom when you were a kid?
- b) a teacher you really liked in school?
- c) many people at your last birthday party?
- d) a restaurant you really liked when you were younger?
- e) any problems on your last holiday?



9. Pairwork / game: you have 10 seconds to look at the picture on the next page. Write as many 'There was / there were' sentences about the image as you can. The person with the most correct sentences wins.

For example: "There were two mountains."

