

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. **5**

b) There was a farm on top of the hill. **4**

c) I think I can hear a waterfall, listen! **2**

d) He lives alone on a very small island. **8**

e) There are a lot of big mountains in my country. **3**

f) Be careful, there is a cliff! Don't fall! **1**

g) Are there a lot of fish in that lake? **9**

h) There is a cave we can sleep in. **6**

i) Are there animals in the forest? **7**

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

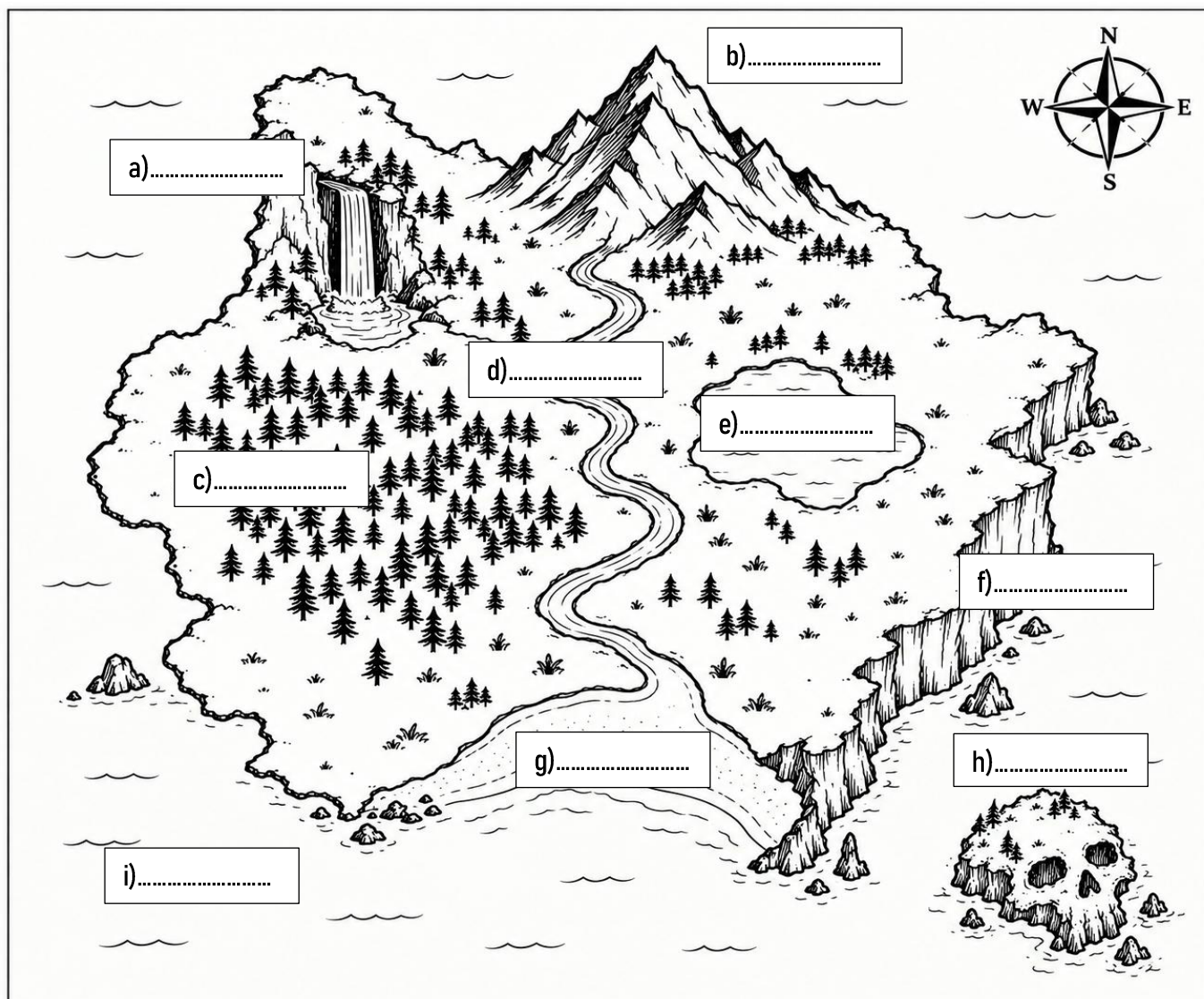
- a) *Is there* a good cafe near your home?
- b) *Is there* any food you don't like?
- c) *Are there* any places you would like to visit this year?
- d) *Is there* a place you often go to at the weekend?
- e) *Are there* many people in your family?
- f) *Are there* many tourists in your city?
- g) *Is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





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

forest **c** beach **g** island **h** mountain **b**
 cliff **f** lake **e** river **d** sea **i** waterfall **a**



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."*

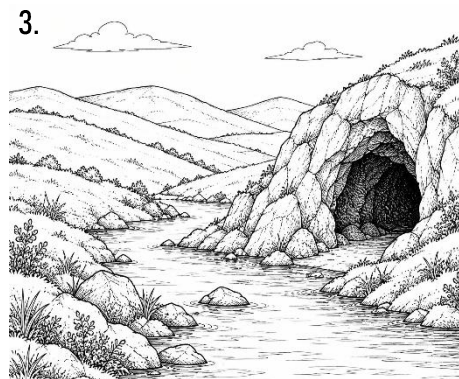
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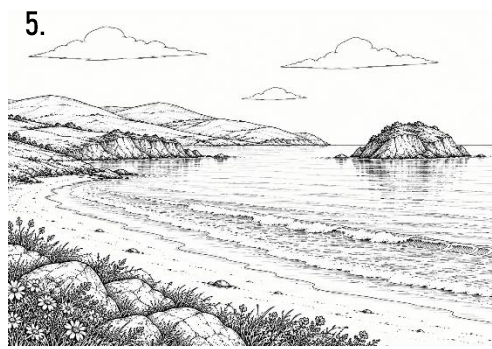
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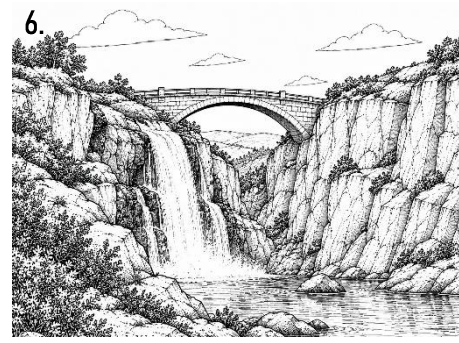
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There was / There were

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'.

- There was** a large tree next to the house.
- Were there** any bushes near the path?
- There were** three big rocks next to the river.
- Was there** a bridge over the river?
- Were there** a lot of people at the cinema?
- Was there** any milk in the fridge?
- There were** a lot of cats in her house.
- There were** 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.

- Was there** a TV in your bedroom when you were a kid?
- Was there** a teacher you really liked in school?
- Were there** many people at your last birthday party?
- Was there** a restaurant you really liked when you were younger?
- Were there** 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."

