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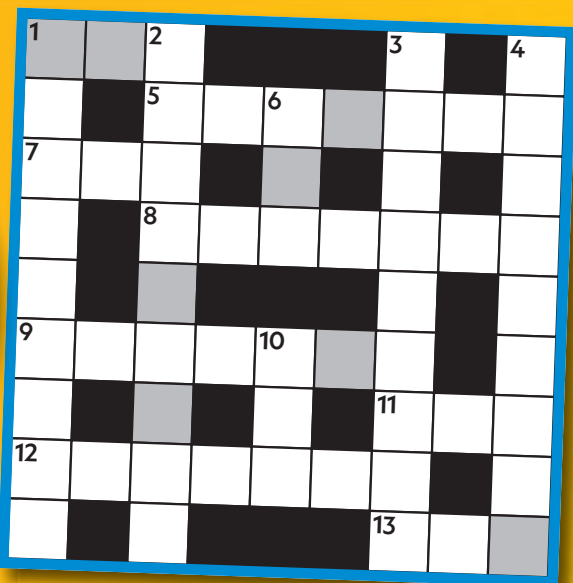
# THE NATURAL WORLD





## **THE SAHARA**

stretches across  
11 countries in northern  
Africa. With an area of  
9.2 million square kilometres,  
the desert is so huge that  
nearly the whole of the  
United States would  
fit inside it.



- 1 Chemical element; can (3)
- 5 Look around a place carefully (7)
- 7 Cut (grass) (3)
- 8 Eat something;  
sun come (anagram) (7)
- 9 Admiration for someone (7)
- 11 Organ you see with (3)
- 12 Let go of something (7)
- 13 Sprint (3)

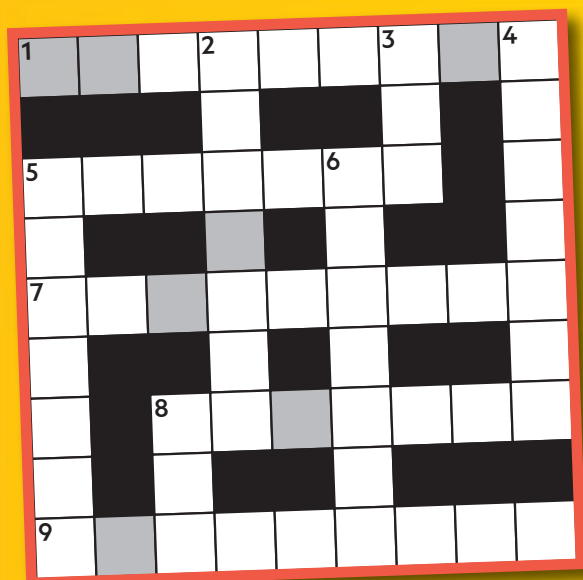
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- 1 Not permanent (9)
- 2 ..... upon Tyne: English city (9)
- 3 Offer to do something (9)
- 4 Nine plus eight (9)
- 6 Cooking vessel (3)
- 10 A long period of time (3)

8

Crack the crosswords by solving the clues below. Answers have the same amount of letters as the number in brackets. Can you spell a natural world

key word by using the letters in the shaded squares? See if you are right by flicking to page 264.



### Across

- 1 Very impressive or incredible (9)
- 5 Make something (7)
- 7 Urge on (9)
- 8 For the reason that (7)
- 9 Not telling the truth (9)

### Down

- 2 Larva of a frog or toad (7)
- 3 Item of neckwear often worn with a suit (3)
- 4 Place providing higher education (7)
- 5 Imaginary (7)
- 6 Sure (7)
- 8 Form of public transport (3)

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The **INDIAN OCEAN** is the warmest ocean in the world; in some parts, the water can reach 30° Celsius.

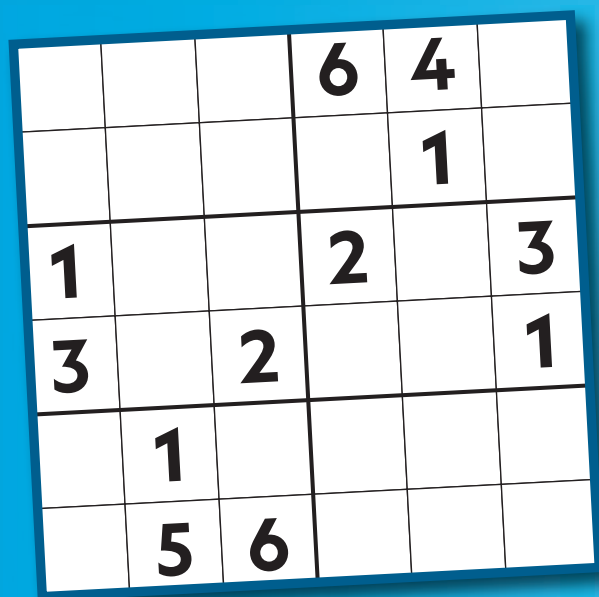
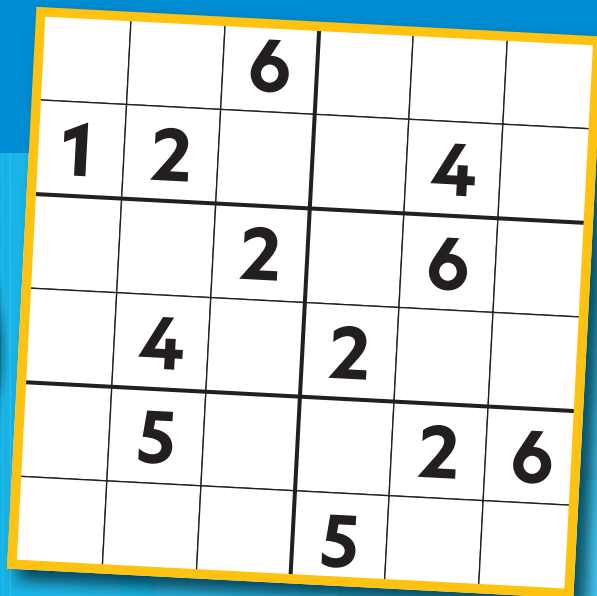
# Sudoku

Solve the sudokus.  
Fill in the blank  
squares so that  
numbers 1 to 6 appear  
once in each row,  
column and 3 x 2 box.  
See if you are right by  
flicking to page 264.

|   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   | 3 | 1 |   |   |
|   | 1 |   |   |   |   |
| 6 |   |   |   | 3 |   |
|   | 5 |   |   |   | 2 |
|   |   |   |   | 2 |   |
|   |   | 2 | 6 |   |   |



The **GRAND CANYON** is made up of layers of rock. The bottom layer is a rock called schist, which is incredibly ancient – about 1.7 billion years old!



### ULURU

is made of a type of sandstone that contains iron. Oxygen in the air has rusted the iron, which is what makes the huge rock look red.

# Wordsearches

Amazon  
Danube  
Ganges  
Mekong  
Mississippi  
Nile  
Yangtze  
Zambezi

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| d | v | g | e | t | m | o | o | n | h | r | f | e | r | r | s |
| l | h | m | i | s | s | i | s | s | i | p | p | i | s | f | a |
| s | a | m | a | z | o | n | z | z | s | r | p | f | p | z | i |
| i | r | z | a | l | a | v | a | m | h | r | t | o | e | a | u |
| a | b | t | b | r | f | u | p | a | t | j | r | u | r | m | d |
| o | y | p | y | r | g | a | n | g | e | s | d | u | a | b | d |
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| i | r | m | p | g | a | k | r | u | a | p | t | e | l | i | u |
| h | r | k | u | u | f | o | o | q | n | l | l | n | u | u | b |
| a | t | i | x | f | a | n | t | r | g | u | a | s | n | s | e |
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| o | y | i | y | h | r | t | u | s | z | f | g | i | l | t | j |
| u | m | c | p | j | p | y | b | h | e | s | i | e | e | s | t |

The **GREAT BARRIER REEF** is the largest coral reef system in the world. It is so big that it can be seen from outer space.



Can you find the natural world words hidden in the wordsearches? Search left to right, up and down to find the

words listed in the boxes below. See if you are right by flicking to page 265.

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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| m | a | z | x | d | h | t | m | p | n | s | m | s | k | g | q |
| p | k | a | s | i | t | b | e | b | y | t | i | a | e | n | a |
| l | v | i | c | t | o | r | i | a | f | a | l | l | s | i | t |
| a | x | p | b | e | c | a | i | r | r | r | a | k | u | a | x |
| k | j | r | x | r | g | n | j | d | k | u | z | t | p | g | o |
| e | r | b | r | r | k | g | t | w | c | t | s | v | e | a | t |
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| a | p | a | w | n | c | l | q | o | e | d | o | q | u | l | g |
| l | p | l | q | s | b | l | e | l | a | z | o | b | k | l | s |
| h | i | f | w | e | s | s | p | s | l | n | e | i | l | s | a |
| q | w | i | c | a | r | i | b | b | e | a | n | s | e | a | g |

Angel Falls  
Caribbean Sea  
Iguazu Falls  
Lake Baikal  
Lake Superior  
Mediterranean Sea  
Niagara Falls  
Victoria Falls

## NIAGARA FALLS

is made up of three waterfalls. Enough water comes crashing over the falls every second to fill one million bathtubs.



# Mazes

Can you escape the maze?  
Work your way around each maze until you reach the exit.  
See if you are right by flicking to page 265.



## **OLD FAITHFUL GEYSER** in

Yellowstone National Park erupts around 20 times a day. Water can shoot up to 56 metres into the air – about the same height as 10 houses.

The **PERITO MORENO GLACIER** in Argentina is 30 kilometres long, and one of only three glaciers in the world that is not shrinking.

