Physical geography

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

PRE-INTERMEDIATE | A2-B1

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1 Match each geographical feature with its meaning.

1 coast	____	a large natural flow of water
2 beach	____	b high area of land with steep sides
3 river	____	c flat low land where few trees grow
4 stream	____	d land with water all around it
5 valley	____	e land beside the sea
6 mountain	____	f low land between hills or mountains
7 island	____	g sandy or stony area beside water
8 plain	____	h small narrow flow of water

2 Complete the landscape expressions with words from the box.

foot | gorge | mouth | peak | ridge | shore | source | summit

1 the _____ of a river

2 the river _____

3 a steep-sided _____

4 the lake _____

5 the _____ of a mountain

6 a snow-covered _____

7 a narrow mountain _____

8 reach the _____

3 Choose the correct form, including the article where needed.

1 We crossed *Alps / the Alps* by train.

2 The expedition climbed *Mount Kenya / the Mount Kenya*.

3 The boat sailed across *Mediterranean / the Mediterranean*.

4 They live near *Lake Bled / the Lake Bled*.

5 The village stands beside *Sava / the Sava*.

6 Iceland lies in *North Atlantic / the North Atlantic*.

7 Sicily is *an island / an archipelago*.

8 The Canaries are *an island / an archipelago*.

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4 Complete the description of Iceland with words from the box.

coast | geysers | glaciers | island | mountains | plains | springs | volcanoes

Iceland is an **1** _____ in the North Atlantic. Its landscape includes barren **2** _____, high **3** _____ and large **4** _____. Several active **5** _____ shape the land. Visitors can see hot **6** _____ and powerful **7** _____. Fishing towns are found around the **8** _____.

5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

From mountain to sea

The River Luma begins at a spring near the foot of Mount Orin. At first it is a narrow stream flowing through a steep gorge. Farther down, it enters a wide valley and passes across a fertile plain. Two smaller streams join it before it reaches the coast. At its mouth, the river forms a small delta with sandy beaches on both sides.

1 The river begins near a mountain. T / F

2 It starts as a wide river. T / F

3 It flows through a gorge. T / F

4 No other streams join it. T / F

5 It reaches the coast. T / F

6 Its delta has sandy beaches. T / F

6 Rewrite using the word in capitals.

1 This is the place where the river begins. **SOURCE** _____

2 We stood at the highest point of the mountain. **SUMMIT** _____

3 The river ends at the sea here. **MOUTH** _____

4 A small river runs through the village. **STREAM** _____

OVER TO YOU

Write **70-90 words** describing a real or imaginary landscape. Include mountains or plains, a river, the coast or a lake, and at least one route through the area.

[ ] Use at least eight target words. [ ] Use geographical articles correctly. [ ] Describe where features are located.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Geographical features

1 **e** 2 **g** 3 **a** 4 **h** 5 **f** 6 **b** 7 **d** 8 **c**

2 Landscape expressions

1 **source** 2 **mouth** 3 **gorge** 4 **shore** 5 **foot** 6 **peak** 7 **ridge** 8 **summit**

3 Articles and categories

1 **the Alps** 2 **Mount Kenya** 3 **the Mediterranean** 4 **Lake Bled**
5 **the Sava** 6 **the North Atlantic** 7 **an island** 8 **an archipelago**

4 Iceland

1 **island** 2 **plains** 3 **mountains** 4 **glaciers** 5 **volcanoes** 6 **springs** 7 **geysers** 8 **coast**

5 Reading - suggested answers

1 **T**
2 **F** - It starts as a narrow stream.
3 **T**
4 **F** - Two streams join it.
5 **T**
6 **T**

6 Rewriting - possible answers

1 This is the river's **source**. 2 We stood at the mountain **summit**. 3 This is the river **mouth**. 4 A **stream** runs through the village.

Over to you: Answers will vary. Check feature vocabulary, spatial clarity and articles.