

History - Biographies and facts

1 Use the words to complete the text.

lived invented ~~was~~ experienced discovered designed travelled

Sylvia Alice Earle is an undersea explorer. She was born in 1935. She _____ to many different places in the oceans. She _____ and _____ special equipment for underwater exploration. Earle _____ many new marine species and undersea sand dunes in the Atlantic Ocean. In 1970, she _____ underwater for 2 weeks and _____ an underwater earthquake.



2 Match the sentence halves.

Mount Everest is

the deepest ocean.

The River Nile is

the hottest place in the world.

The Pacific Ocean is

the highest mountain.

Antarctica is

the coldest continent.

Asia is

the smallest continent.

The Sahara Desert is

the longest river.

Subject: History

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Objective: Biographies and facts

Vocabulary: *live, invent, experience, discover, design, travel*

Introduction

On this worksheet the pupils will learn about a living, female explorer, Silvia Alice Earle. Encourage them to find out more about her using the Internet. To help them find useful information, give them a list of questions that they should find the answers to.

Warm up

- Write the following verbs on the board: *live, invent, experience, discover, design* and *travel*.
- Ask volunteers to come to the board and write the past tenses of the verbs.

Activity 1

- Pupils read and complete the text with the past tenses.
- To correct the activity ask a volunteer to read the completed text out loud.

Answer key Sylvia Alice Earle is an undersea explorer. She was born in 1935. She travelled to many different places in the oceans. She invented and designed special equipment for underwater exploration. Earle discovered many new marine species and undersea sand dunes in the Atlantic Ocean. In 1970, she lived underwater for 2 weeks and experienced an underwater earthquake.

Activity 2

- Pupils read and match the sentence halves.
- Correct the activity by asking for volunteers to read the sentences out loud.

Answer key Mount Everest is the highest mountain; The River Nile is the longest river; The Pacific Ocean is the deepest ocean; Antarctica is the coldest continent; Asia is the smallest continent; The Sahara Desert is the hottest place in the world.

Project ideas

- Divide the class into groups. Give each group the name of a famous explorer. Pupils find information about their explorers. Make a wall display with all the information.
- Divide the class into groups. Tell each group to think of a part of the world they would like to explore. They should make a list of all the things they need to take, prepare a map and describe how they are going to organise their exploration.