



EXTREME PLANET EARTH

Do you know where the hottest place on Earth is? How about the deepest? Set off on an adventure across the Web to learn all about these and other points of extreme geography! Start your trek online at www.scholastic.com/cyberhuntkids, then write your answers below.



1 The Sahara Desert in the country of _____ is the HOTTEST place on Earth. In 1922, it hit the highest temperature recorded anywhere on earth, ever. How hot was it? _____

_____ www.extremescience.com/hottest.htm

2 Where is the COLDEST place on earth? At Lake Vostok, located in _____, the temperature once reached the lowest ever recorded: _____. (Even the penguins think it's cold!) www.nsf.gov/od/lpa/news/02/fslakevostok.htm

3 The Atacama Desert in _____ is the DRIEST place on earth. Even though it hardly ever rains there, flocks of pink flamingos (and some people) survive by collecting water from _____. www.extremescience.com/DriestPlace.htm

4 Mount Waialeale, located on the island of _____, is the world's WETTEST place, receiving an average of _____ inches of rain a year. This means you could see a rainbow there nearly every day! www.harcourtschool.com/activity/extreme/html_docs/Wettest.html

5 At 29,208 feet high, Mount Everest, located in _____, is the HIGHEST mountain in the world. Who were the first two brave people to summit its majestic peak in 1953? _____ www.italysoft.com/curios/everest/

6 The DEEPEST point on earth, the Marianas Trench, is located more than 35,000 feet down at the bottom of the _____ Ocean, just east of _____. It's farther below sea level than Everest is above! www.geocities.com/thesciencefiles/marianas/trench.html

7 Russia, which is almost twice the size of the United States, is the LARGEST country in the world. It is located on two continents: _____ and _____. It's so large, it spans 11 different time zones! www.peacecorps.gov/kids/world/europemed/russia.html

8 The mighty Amazon river, which begins in _____ and ends along the coast of Brazil, is the world's second-longest river. Which river is the LONGEST and where is it located? _____ www.newint.org/issue273/facts.html