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READING

Gapped text

I can understand the main points in a simple descriptive text on a familiar topic.

1 **SPEAKING** Look at the photos and discuss the questions.

- 1 What are the advantages of living in each place?
- 2 What are the disadvantages?
- 3 Would you like to live there? Why/Why not?

I suppose one advantage of living in the trees is that you would have fantastic views ...

2 **2.12** Which words in the box describing landscape features can you see in the photos? Use your dictionary if necessary. Then listen and repeat.

a cave a crater an island a rainforest
rocks ruins stilts a treehouse
a turquoise ocean a volcano

3 Read the text and answer the questions.

- 1 Why do the Korowai Tribe build their houses in trees?
- 2 Why do people in Coober Pedy prefer living underground?
- 3 Why do people on Aogashima want to live in a volcano?
- 4 Why do the Bajau people feel uncomfortable on land?
- 5 Why have most people recently moved from Petra to a nearby village?

EXAM FOCUS Gapped text

Read the text again. Complete gaps 1–5 with sentences A–F. There is one extra sentence.

- A Alternatively, you can take a helicopter and it only takes two hours.
- B This means that they have better access to water, electricity and Wi-Fi.
- C In fact, income from tourism is helping to keep their traditions alive.
- D It has to be strong because sometimes a family of twelve people live there.
- E However, if you look closer, you can see chimneys on the surface of the dry landscape.
- F Also, they start hunting when they're just eight years old.

People who don't live in traditional houses

2.13



1 Living in trees

The Korowai Tribe of Papua New Guinea are strong and good at climbing. They have to be! They live in treehouses, sometimes forty-five metres above the ground. The dense rainforest is **hot and humid**; there are insects and dangerous animals. Treehouses protect the tribe from these dangers on the ground. They use material from the forest to build the houses. They cut off the top of a tree and build the floor first. ¹ — They use a ladder to get up and down. Imagine the **breathtaking views** from one of these treehouses!