## Essential English Skills - Grade 4 (Practice 8)



• reading comprehension

Read the letter.

My Trip

Hi James,

I'm writing to you from Zanzibar, a tropical island just off the coast of Tanzania, where there are white sand beaches, crystal clear waters, and tours where you get to travel to spice plantations and taste the freshly grown spices. Mom and I have done some snorkelling and tried out some really yummy, spicy seafood. I've already been to mainland Tanzania, and I want to share my experience with you.

Did I tell you that Tanzania is in East Africa? Mom showed me on a globe before we left, but I didn't realize how far it was until we flew there – it took us 20 hours, and we had to stop in the Netherlands!

We hiked halfway up Africa's highest mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro, in an afternoon. It is difficult to climb to the top, though; even the best climbers take five days to reach the top and climb down.

We also went on a safari to Ngorongoro Crater. Our guide, Mussa, told us that the crater was formed by a volcano that exploded and collapsed over two million years ago! We saw gazelles, cheetahs, hippopotamuses, zebras, warthogs, monkeys, and even a black rhinoceros, which Mussa told us was extremely rare. We were really lucky to see it. I'm enclosing a photo that I took of this rare animal.

Your friend,

Zoë



A.	Find the correct word from the letter for each definition	) <b>.</b>
1.	very hot and humid	
2.	fell into itself	
3.	large piece of land where crops are grown	
4.	hole in the ground	
5.	trip or journey	
B.	Answer the questions.	
1.	Where is Zanzibar?	
2.	What crops are grown on the plantations in Zanzib	ar?
3.	What is the highest mountain in Africa?	
4.	How was Ngorongoro Crater formed?	
5.	What photo has Zoë sent James with the letter?	

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1.	very hot and humid	tropical
	fell into itself	collapsed
3.	large piece of land where crops are grown	plantation
4.	hole in the ground	crater
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safari

## Answer the questions. B.

trip or journey

5.

- Where is Zanzibar? It is just off the coast of Tanzania.
- What crops are grown on the plantations in Zanzibar? 2. Spices are grown there.
- What is the highest mountain in Africa? 3. Mount Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain in Africa.
- How was Ngorongoro Crater formed? 4. It was formed by a volcano that exploded and collapsed.
- What photo has Zoë sent James with the letter? 5. She has sent James a photo of a black rhinoceros.