

A Great Waterfall

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Victoria Falls is a big waterfall in Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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Victoria Falls is one of the largest waterfalls in the world. It is in Africa. The waterfall spreads across two countries, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The strong flow of the Zambezi River creates the waterfall. The water rushes down over the edge of rocky **cliffs**. The waterfall sprays water all around. That forms large clouds of mist. The force of the water makes a loud roaring sound.

Long ago, **Native** people saw the clouds of **mist** floating above the waterfall. They heard the loud sound of the water. They named the waterfall *Mosi-oa-Tunya*. That means "The Smoke That Thunders." Some people today use this name for the waterfall.

Today, lots of people travel to see this waterfall. It is truly great!

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1. Victoria Falls, or *Mosi-oa-Tunya*, is in which two countries?

- A. Tanzania and Kenya
- B. Zimbabwe and Zambia
- C. Ethiopia and Somalia

2. What causes the clouds of mist?

- A. the waterfall spraying water all around
- B. the dirt from the rocks getting wet
- C. the temperature change in the air

3. Read these sentences from the text.

"The waterfall sprays water all around. That forms large clouds of mist. The force of the water makes a loud roaring sound."

What can you conclude about the waterfall based on this information?

- A. The waterfall can only be heard from nearby.
- B. The waterfall is very loud and powerful.
- C. The waterfall is quiet on some days and loud on other days.

4. What is this text mostly about?

- A. Victoria Falls, or *Mosi-oa-Tunya*, a large waterfall in Africa
- B. the Zambezi River in Africa
- C. clouds of mist that float above the waterfall

5. Native people in Africa named the waterfall *Mosi-oa-Tunya*. What does that name mean?

That name means _____.

6. What did you learn from "A Great Waterfall?"

7. Class Discussion Question: The text says native people's name for the waterfall means "The Smoke that Thunders." Why might that be a good name for the waterfall?

8. Draw a picture of Victoria Falls, or *Mosi-oa-Tunya*.