

Unit 01

The Country of Wonder

(Nouns) noun phrases

- A noun phrase is a group of two or more words headed by a noun that includes modifiers such as an adjective, adverb, or article. It can be the subject, object, subject complement, or object complement in the sentence.

Example

Amy finished **her thesis paper** for master's degree.

She presented the paper at **the annual conference**.

She decides **to spend her holiday** in Hawaii with her family.

Surfing in Hawaii is a must-try experience for her.

She looks forward to **enjoying her vacation**.

⊕ Circle all the noun phrases in the sentence.

1. Singing with you was the funniest activity on summer vacation.
2. There are issues to discuss during the conference this Friday.
3. It is important for my family members to tell the truth.
4. Although Jenny met Sam yesterday, he seems to be an honest person.
5. Tom's hobby is to collect vintage sneakers and clothes of luxury brands.
6. Jane hopes to buy her dream house in future, so she is saving money right now.
7. He went to the hospital as fast as he can by taking a taxi.
8. The police officer is searching for a burglar who stole expensive items from several houses in this town.

⊕ Circle the function of underlined noun phrase in each sentence.

1. Several houses in this town have the latest security system.
(subject / object / complement)
2. Emily thought that cooking each one's favorite food is interesting.
(subject / object / complement)
3. Eva is proud of to getting an A+ in her neuroscience class although the class went along in English.
(subject / object / complement)
4. Henry couldn't afford buying a fancy car a few years ago, but now he is a rich.
(subject / object / complement)
5. Thank you for to help me find a way to the university. It's my first time visiting this town.
(subject / object / complement)
6. The rule is not running in the hall when going to cafeteria.
(subject / object / complement)
7. Ron is worried about not having finished the assignment until tomorrow.
(subject / object / complement)

Exercise

Choose three sentences from the answer and say them in 3 seconds to your teacher without your book.

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Brazil is the largest country in South America that covers almost half of the continent. It shares the western border with numerous countries, including Colombia, Bolivia, Venezuela, Argentina, Uruguay, and Peru. To the east of Brazil is the Atlantic Ocean. The country's coastline is more than 7,400 kilometers long.

Brasilia is the capital of Brazil located in the middle of the country. Before 1960, the capital of Brazil was somewhere else, a larger city on the east coast called Rio de Janeiro. The government decided **to build a new capital city farther inland** in 1960. The government looked for somewhere suited to be the capital and then it found Brasilia, which was growing quickly. Now, two million people live and work there trying **to work somewhere important**. Many people in Brasilia work for the government as the city is Brazil's political center.

Currently, there are more than two hundred million people that live in Brazil, and eight out of ten people live in cities. The country has **several large cities big enough to hold a big population, including São Paulo, the largest city in South America**. Citizens of Brazil work mainly in service industries, like banking, education, healthcare, and construction. Along the country's beaches, there are huge

hotels and restaurants. They provide jobs for people living along the coast. Other Brazilians work in factories, making cars, airplanes, and steel products. More factories are located around São Paulo than anywhere else.

Many Brazilians come from somewhere else such as Congo, Angola, and other African countries, and some are descents of them. Their ancestors had been enslaved and **forced** to move to Brazil **to work in mines and plantations**. Many others descended from people who came to Brazil from far-away countries such as Portugal, Spain, Germany, and other places in Europe. Brazil was a colony of Portugal for three hundred years, and the main language in Brazil is Portuguese.

Many rivers flow through Brazil, making the soil rich and suitable to grow crops. However, one river stands out. The Amazon River is one of the widest and longest rivers in the world, flowing for at least 6,400 kilometers through northern Brazil. ★*Its* waters feed the vast Amazon basin, which covers nearly half of Brazil and **about** 7 million square kilometers. The largest tropical rainforest in the world, the Amazon rainforest, is also located here.

Vocabulary

▪ industry [n]	a type of business She has worked in the banking industry .
▪ political [adj]	relating to the government or the public affairs of a country Health care became a major political issue.
▪ construction [n]	the work of building or making something like buildings She goes to the construction site to see her husband.
▪ provide [v]	to give someone something that they need These booklets provide topics to discuss.
▪ enslave [v]	to force someone to be a slave of someone The early settlers enslaved a lot of the native people.
▪ citizen [n]	a person who legally belongs to a country and has the right and protection of that country You must be a legal citizen to work in the U.S.
▪ descend [v]	to go or come down The paths descend steeply into the valley.
▪ colony [n]	a country or area controlled politically by a more powerful country Philippines is a former colony of Spain.
▪ vast [adj]	extremely large The amount of detail the book contains is vast .
▪ locate [v]	to be in a particular place The library is located near the cafeteria.

Reading Comprehension

[1~3] Choose the right word for the blank below.

Covering almost half of South America, Brazil is composed of many people from different countries, 1. _____ Portugal, Spain, Germany, and more. 2. _____ a political center of Brazil, citizens of Brasilia work for the government, work in service industries, and work at factories. 3. _____, Brazil is a great place for plantation due to the natural resources it has.

1.
 - a. as an analogy
 - b. such as
 - c. consistently
 - d. however

2.
 - a. As
 - b. Like
 - c. Under
 - d. Assumably

3.
 - a. Hence
 - b. Beyond
 - c. Consequently
 - d. Moreover

4. What is the passage mainly about?
 - a. An overview on Brazil, the largest country in South America
 - b. The Amazon river, the longest river in Brazil
 - c. The population of Brasilia, the capital of Brazil
 - d. The various ancestors of Brazilians

[5~7] Write T if statements are true or F if statements are false according to the passage.

5. Brazil shares its border with Colombia and Argentina only.
6. The Amazon River is one of the widest and longest rivers in the world.
7. Brazil is second to the largest country in South America.
8. The word **about** in the passage is CLOSEST in meaning to
 - a. backwards
 - b. approximately
 - c. regarding
 - d. in connection with
9. The word **forced** in the passage is CLOSEST in meaning to
 - a. squeezed
 - b. threatened
 - c. coerced
 - d. terrorized
10. Which of the statements is NOT true?
 - a. Brazilians are people who came from African countries only.
 - b. The capital of Brazil is Brasilia.
 - c. The main language of Brazil is Portuguese.
 - d. Brazil is rich in soil that is good for growing crops because of the rivers.

11. Which of the statements is true?
- a. There are not many people working near the beach because it is hot.
 - b. Sao Paulo is one of the smallest cities in South America.
 - c. There are no factories in Brazil because it is dangerous.
 - d. Many people in Brasilia work for the government because Brasilia is Brazil's political center.

12. What does ★*its* in paragraph 5 refer to?
- a. Amazon River
 - b. River
 - c. Brazil
 - d. Rainforest

13. What can be inferred from the passage?
- a. Brazil colonized other countries in the past.
 - b. The Amazon River causes most of the floods in Brazil.
 - c. Citizens of Brazil do not use any language except Portuguese.
 - d. Most of the Brazilian people live in the cities.

14. According to the passage, what do the majority of Brazilian people do for a living?

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15. According to the passage, what was the name of the capital of Brazil before 1960?

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Video Lecture

- Have you watched the video lecture at least 2 times before the class?
- Have you watched the video lecture after the class?



Vocabulary

- Did you study the vocabulary listed next to the reading passage?
- Did you review what you got wrong on this unit's test?



Grammar

- Have you understood the points of this unit's Grammar Exercise?
- Have you answered the questions on the Grammar Exercise?
- Please review what you got wrong. Did you understand why you got wrong?



Reading Comprehension

- Have you read the stories carefully?
- Have you answered all the questions on this unit's reading comprehension?
- Did you figure out all of the exact reasons (or supporting details) for each question's answers?
- Please review what you got wrong. Did you understand why you got wrong?

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