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## **The Grand Canyon**

#### Before you watch

- 1 SPEAKING Work in pairs. Answer the questions.
  - 1 What is the most beautiful place in your country?
  - **2** What is special about it?
  - 3 What do you know about the Grand Canyon?



#### **Comprehension check**

- 2 Watch the DVD clip. Choose the correct answers.
  - 1 Where in the USA is the Grand Canyon?
    - **a** in the south-east **b** in the north-west **c** in the south-west
  - 2 What is at the bottom of the canyon?
    - a a desertb a riverc a path
  - 3 How long ago did people live at the Tusayan Ruins?
    - a about 80 years ago
       b about 300 years ago
       c over 800 years ago

Watch again. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjectives below. There is one extra adjective.

deep important incredible modern natural orange popular
 The Grand Canyon is one of the seven \_\_\_\_\_\_ wonders of the world.
 The canyon walls are \_\_\_\_\_\_ and brown.
 There are \_\_\_\_\_\_ views of the mountains.
 It's one of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ canyons in the world.
 The canyon is over one kilometre \_\_\_\_\_\_.
 The Grand Canyon visitor centre is a \_\_\_\_\_\_ building.
 The Tusayan Ruins is a very \_\_\_\_\_\_ archaeological site.

#### 4 Watch again. Match the numbers (1–6) with the phrases (a–f).

- **1** 434
- **2** 17 million
- **3** 11,000
- **4** 1919
- **5** 4 million
- **6** 800

- **a** the number of visitors last year
- **b** the length in kilometres of the canyon
- **c** the year it became a national park
- d the number of years ago people lived at the Tusayan Ruins
- **e** the age of the canyon in years
- f the number of years ago the first humans arrived here

## Round up

5 SPEAKING Work in groups. Answer the questions.

Would you like to visit the Grand Canyon? What would you like to do there?

### Vocabulary

- 6 RECYCLE Choose the correct words.
  - 1 You need to get up early to see the sunset / sunrise.
  - 2 We usually climb the **flowers** / **trees** when we go to the forest.
  - 3 Look at those dark clouds / skies. I think it's going to rain.
  - 4 In the winter, we often go skiing in the sand / mountains.
  - 5 It got dark after sunset / sunrise.
  - 6 There are so many stars in the sky / cloud at night.





7 Complete the text with the words below.

desert settlements sights tribe view

# Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Uluru is a very large rock in the middle of the 1 in
the centre of Australia. It is 348 metres high and is one of the most
popular tourist attractions in the country. You get the most spectacular
<sup>2</sup> of Uluru at sunset when the rock turns red. Uluru is
the home to a <sup>3</sup> of people called the Anangu. It is
a very important place for them. There are a number of very old
4 near Uluru where people lived thousands of years ago.
Today, visitors can camp in the desert or stay in the luxury hotels at the
Avers Rock resort while they visit all the local 5

#### **Extension**

- 8 Work in pairs. Find some photos of one of your favourite natural places in your country. Describe the photos and talk about the place. Think about the following:
  - where it is
  - what you like about it
  - what you can do there
  - when the best time to visit is
- **9** Present your place to the class. Use the key phrases for describing a photo.

#### Describing a photo

In the background / the foreground, ...
In the distance, ...
On the left / the right, ...
At the bottom / the top, ...