

Warm-up

- 1 Look at the pictures. Answer the questions.
 - 1 Do you recognize the people?
 - 2 What do you think they did?

Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King

In the 1950s and 1960s, the American Civil Rights Movement was a fight for social justice and equality. In some parts of the USA people of different races could not sit together on public transport, or go to the same shops, restaurants, cinemas and schools.

On 1 December 1955, a woman called Rosa Parks got on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama, to go home after work. She did not sit at the front of the bus because there was a sign - 'Whites Only'. She sat on a seat in the middle. Soon the bus was full. The bus driver told Rosa to give her seat to a white person. Rosa refused in protest. The driver stopped the bus and went to find a police officer. She was arrested by two police officers.

People were very angry, so they decided to stop using the buses in Montgomery. They travelled by bike, car and on foot. They did this for 381 days. A man called Martin Luther King helped Rosa. He was one of the most important people in the Civil Rights Movement. He organized peaceful protests. Finally, on 13 November 1956, the US Supreme Court decided that black people and white people could sit together on buses.



Reading

2 Read the text about Rosa Park and Martin Luther King.

- Put the texts in the correct order (1-5).
- A The bus driver stopped the bus and went to find a police officer.
 - B African Americans in Montgomery stopped using buses.
 - C The laws on buses were changed.
 - D Rosa Parks was arrested.
 - E Rosa Parks chose not to move seats because the bus was full.

Listening

3 Listen to an American history podcast about nine teenagers. Write true (T) or false (F).

- 1 In 1954, it was legal to separate white and black students in American schools.
- 2 Nine new students wanted to join Little Rock Central High School in September 1957.
- 3 A lot of people in Little Rock did not want the nine students to start the school.
- 4 The nine students entered school on the first day without any problems.
- 5 The students waited for three days to return to school.
- 6 The American president helped the students in the end.

Speaking

4 Work in pairs or small groups. Discuss the questions.

- 1 Do you think the people in the Civil Rights Movement were brave? Why / Why not?
- 2 Do you think it is important to stand up for things you believe in? Why / Why not?
- 3 Are there minority communities in your country? What issues do they face? How can we address those issues?

Task

Research another civil rights activist from the USA and write a profile. Choose from the people below or someone you know already.

Claudette Colvin Collin Kaepernick Harriet Tubman
John Lewis Sojourner Truth W.E.B. Du Bois

Beyond the page

Go online and listen to Martin Luther King's 'I have a dream' speech from 1963.

Factfile

Australia	Capital: Canberra
Government: Federal democracy	Area: 7,688,126 sq km; it is the world's sixth biggest country
Population: 25,892,000	Climate: North: hot and tropical; South: cooler and wetter; Centre: hot and dry
Largest cities: Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane	

Warm-up

- 1 Look at the picture and the title. What do you know about Australia? What do you want to know? Complete the first two rows of the chart.

The Fab Four: Australia's greatest natural wonders!

1 The Great Barrier Reef

It's 25 million years old, and it's located off the northeast coast. It's the largest living thing on Earth! More than 2,300 kilometres long, it is home to more than 400 different types of coral and 1,500 different types of fish. It's perfect for swimming, snorkelling or scuba diving.



2 Uluru

This 348-metre-high red rock is more than 550 million years old. It's located in the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park in the Northern Territory. It's a sacred place for its traditional owners - the Anangu people.

3 Fraser Island

This is the world's biggest sand island. There are a lot of beaches, forests, lakes and animals here. It's home to the dingo, an endangered species of wild dog from Australia.

4 The Three Sisters

These three rocks in the Blue Mountains are more than 300 million years old. The tallest rock is 922 metres. They are very special for their traditional owners - the Gundungurra people - and they have a special story about their origins. The area around them is full of amazing trees, and some of the world's oldest species of plants are found here too.

Fun fact!

The Great Barrier Reef is the only living thing visible from space.

Reading

2 Read the fact file and the text about natural wonders in Australia. Find these things:

- 1 a sacred place
- 2 the name of three very old rocks
- 3 the biggest living thing on Earth
- 4 a very big island with a lot of sand
- 5 two names of indigenous Australian peoples
- 6 the three largest cities in Australia

Listening

3 Listen to a scientist talking about coral bleaching in the Great Barrier Reef. Complete the sentences with the correct word.

- 1 Coral is a very small _____.
- 2 Coral is brown and green. _____ coral bleaching happens because the coral can't live inside the coral any more.
- 3 _____ coral bleaching happens because the biggest cause of coral bleaching is _____ stress.
- 4 Some coral has _____ died.
- 5 Scientists are looking for _____.
- 6 _____

Speaking

4 Work in pairs or small groups. Discuss the questions.

- 1 Have you been to Australia? Are you interested in travelling there? Why / Why not?
- 2 What do you know now about Australia? Complete the last row of the table in Exercise 1.
- 3 Which natural wonders are there in your country? How many have you visited?
- 4 What are some problems relating to the sea and marine life in your country?

Task

Design a poster to help save the coral. Add pictures or drawings. Include information about coral, the problems and research the solutions.

Beyond the page

Find the location of one of the places from the text on Google Earth and do a 360° tour.

