

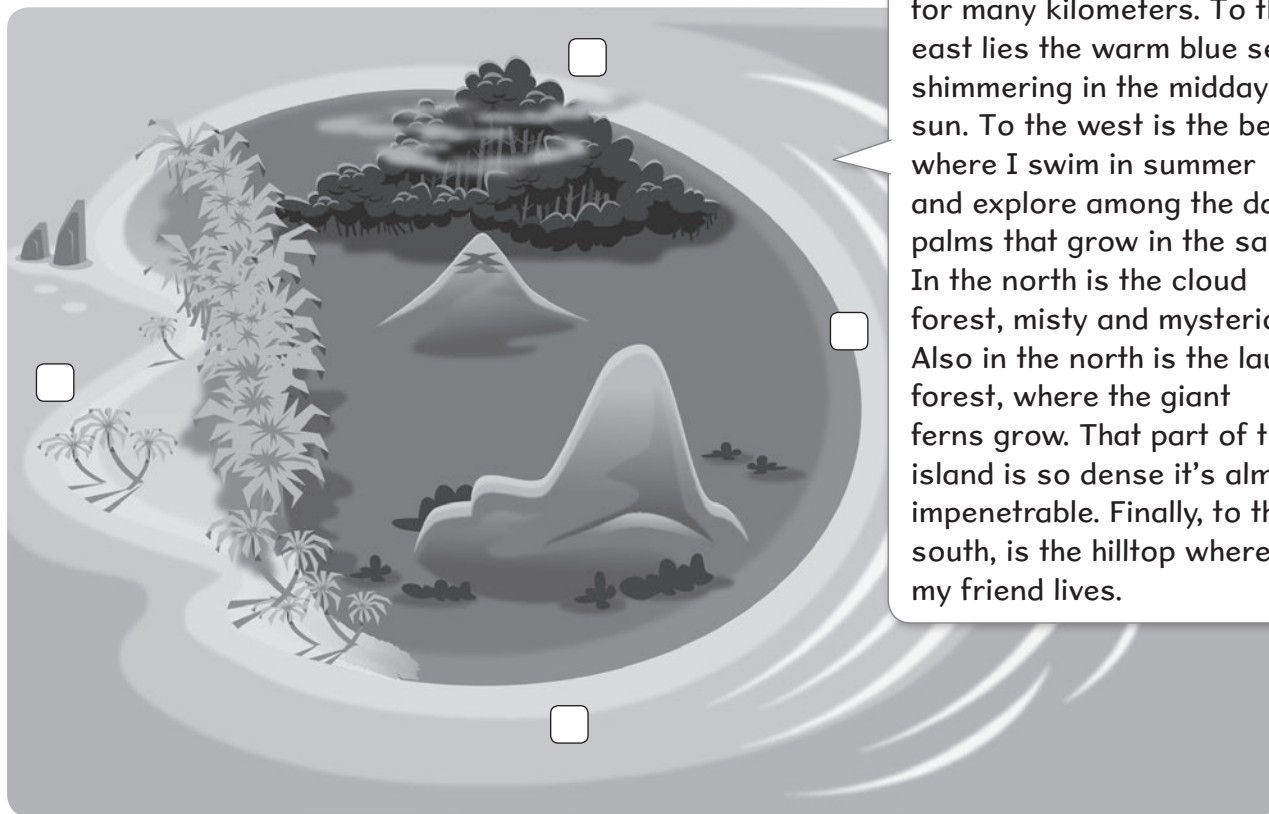
# Unit 10

## Reading Comprehension

### The Whistlers

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- A** Read about the setting. Write *N* (North), *S* (South), *W* (West), and *E* (East) on the map. Then answer the questions.



I live on a radiant, almost perfectly circular island off the coast of Africa. From the hilltop where I live, I can see for many kilometers. To the east lies the warm blue sea, shimmering in the midday sun. To the west is the beach where I swim in summer and explore among the date palms that grow in the sand. In the north is the cloud forest, misty and mysterious. Also in the north is the laurel forest, where the giant ferns grow. That part of the island is so dense it's almost impenetrable. Finally, to the south, is the hilltop where my friend lives.

- 1 Where on the island does the writer live? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Where does the writer swim in summer? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 What's the forest like? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Where does his friend live? \_\_\_\_\_

- B** Describe the beginning, middle, and end of the story. Complete the chart.

Beginning \_\_\_\_\_

Middle \_\_\_\_\_

End \_\_\_\_\_

**C Complete the sentences.**

*The Whistlers* is a \_\_\_\_\_ story.

It paints a picture in the reader's \_\_\_\_\_.

What does the author use to paint the picture?

\_\_\_\_\_

**D Circle *True* or *False*.**

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|---|-------------|--------------|
| 1 Francisco has a brother and a sister.                                     | <b>True</b> | <b>False</b> |
| 2 Francisco never walks in the laurel forest.                               | <b>True</b> | <b>False</b> |
| 3 The song of the hoopoe bird reminded Francisco of the whistling language. | <b>True</b> | <b>False</b> |
| 4 Francisco and the boy Alejandro met and did fun things together.          | <b>True</b> | <b>False</b> |

**E Answer the questions.**

- 1 Why did Francisco feel lonely?

\_\_\_\_\_

- 2 Why did the boy on the hilltop try communicating with Francisco by waving?

\_\_\_\_\_

- 3 Francisco tried to communicate with the boy by shouting and using arm signals. How else did he try communicating?

\_\_\_\_\_

- 4 How many fingers did Francisco use to whistle?

\_\_\_\_\_

**Extra Read the words. Write the definitions.**

- 1 only

\_\_\_\_\_

- 2 palm

\_\_\_\_\_

- 3 impenetrable

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