

DVD - Level 2

The Grand Canyon

Name _____

Class _____ Date _____

Before you watch...

- 1** The Grand Canyon is a National Park in the United States. Name some National Parks in Italy and tell your partner if you have visited any of them.

I went hiking in the Gran Paradiso National Park.

Really? Was it good?

While you watch...

00:01 - 00:25

- 2** Answer the questions.



- 1 Where in the United States is the Grand Canyon?

- 2 How old is the Grand Canyon?

- 3 How many kilometres long and deep is it?

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- 3** Tick (✓) the elements which have shaped the Canyon.



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| <input type="checkbox"/> river | <input type="checkbox"/> rain | <input type="checkbox"/> heat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> rocks | <input type="checkbox"/> snow | <input type="checkbox"/> cold |
| <input type="checkbox"/> landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> ice | <input type="checkbox"/> erosion |

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- 4** Answer the questions.

- 1 Name three different ways you can get to the bottom of the Grand Canyon:

- 2 Which would you choose if you were there and why?

- 3 What is the inner Canyon called?

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- 5** Name the two sports the visitors are doing and then say what else tourists can do there.



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- 6** What do you remember about the Grand Canyon? Work in pairs. Read the sentences and put them in the right order. The first one is in the right place.



- A** Can you believe that it took the Colorado river five to six million years to carve the Grand Canyon?
- B** You can leave from the north side called the *North Rim* or from the southern side and reach *Phantom Ranch* as the Inner Canyon is called.
- C** There is a great variety of plant species in the Grand Canyon National Park including North American desert flora.
- D** The river, rain, snow, heat and cold have all contributed to the shape of the Canyon. Some of the rocks on the bottom are around two billion years old. Erosion continues today so the landscape is changing all the time.
- E** Welcome to the Grand Canyon, a large gorge carved out by the Colorado river, in Arizona, in the United States.
- F** Some of them like going rafting on the Colorado river, others prefer taking a boat trip or hiking in the Grand Canyon or through the Grand Canyon National Park.
- G** The climate is very special so the Grand Canyon has a dozen endemic plants which only live within the park's boundaries.
- H** Do you know that you can reach the bottom of the Canyon? You can only get there by mule, hiking or rafting.
- I** Every year a lot of people from all over the world come to Arizona to visit the Grand Canyon.
- J** It is around 1.5 km deep and 446 km long. The rocks are many different colours.

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Risposte

Before you watch...

- 1 National Parks in Italy:
 - Parco nazionale d'Abruzzo, Lazio e Molise" Parco nazionale d'Abruzzo, Lazio e Molise (1922)
 - Parco nazionale del Gran Paradiso (1922)
 - Parco nazionale del Circeo (1934)
 - Parco nazionale dello Stelvio (1935)
 - Parco Nazionale della Calabria (1968)
 - Parco nazionale dell'Aspromonte (1989)
 - Parco nazionale delle Dolomiti Bellunesi (1990)
 - Parco nazionale del Gran Sasso e Monti della Laga (1991)
 - Parco nazionale del Cilento e Vallo di Diano (1991)
 - Parco nazionale della Majella (1991)
 - Parco nazionale del Gargano (1991)
 - Parco nazionale della Val Grande (1992)
 - Parco nazionale del Pollino (1993)
 - Parco nazionale delle Foreste Casentinesi, Monte Falterona e Campigna (1993)
 - Parco nazionale dei Monti Sibillini (1993)
 - Parco nazionale Arcipelago della Maddalena (1994)
 - Parco nazionale del Vesuvio (1995)
 - Parco nazionale Arcipelago Toscano (1996)
 - Parco nazionale dell'Asinara (1997)
 - Parco nazionale delle Cinque Terre (1999)
 - Parco nazionale del Golfo di Orosei e del Gennargentu (1998)
 - Parco nazionale dell'Appennino Tosco-Emiliano (2001)
 - Parco nazionale della Sila (2002)
 - Parco nazionale dell'Alta Murgia (istituito nel 2004)
 - Parco nazionale della Val d'Agri e Lagonegrese (istituito nel febbraio 2008)

While you watch...

- 2 1 Arizona
 - 2 5 to 6 million years
 - 3 446 km long and 1.5 km deep
- 3 river, rain, heat, snow, cold, erosion
- 4 1 by mule, hiking or rafting
 - 2 Risposte personali
 - 3 The Phantom Ranch
- 5 The people in the photographs are rafting and hiking.
 - Tourists can also go on a boat trip.

After you watch...

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| 6 | 1 E | 3 A | 5 H | 7 I | 9 C |
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