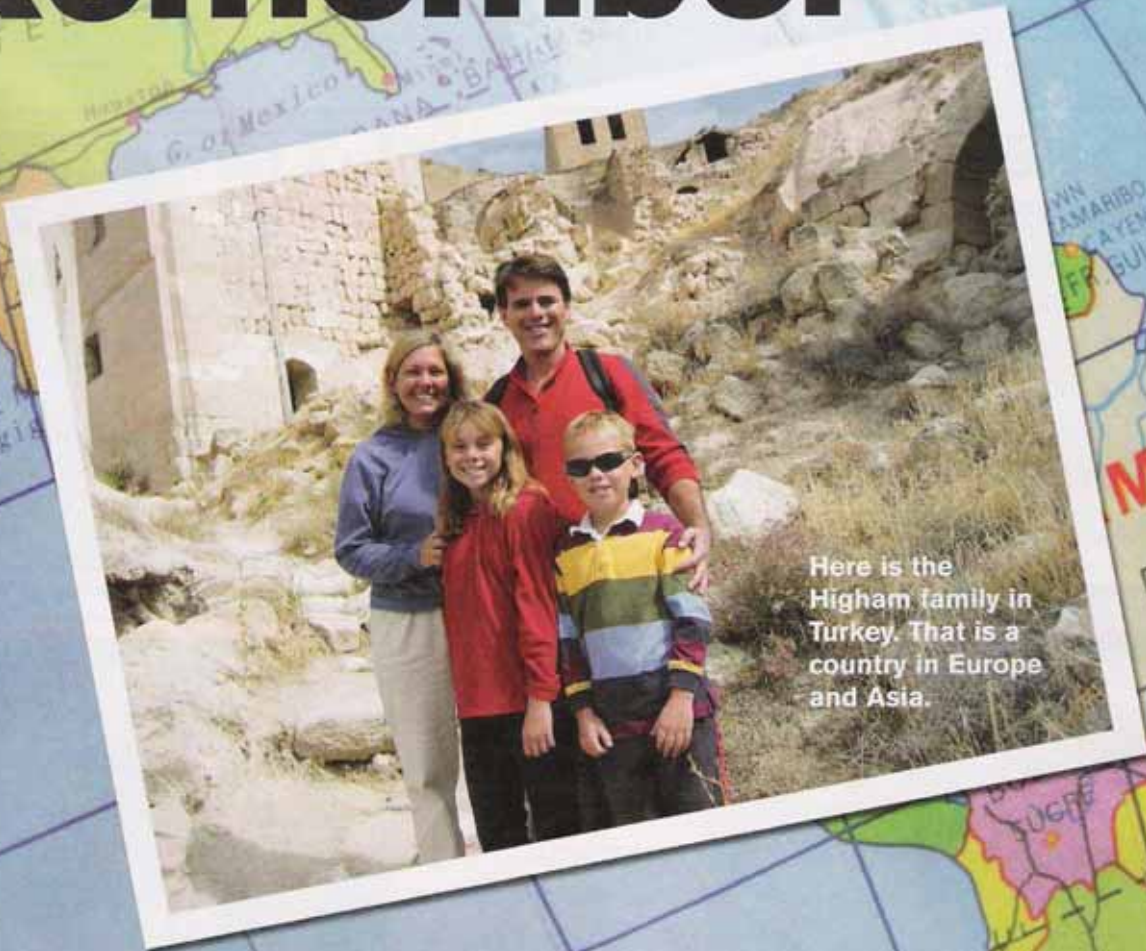


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## A Trip to Remember



Here is the Higham family in Turkey. That is a country in Europe and Asia.

**The Higham family travels the globe.**

# Around the World

## Take a look at one family's journey.

Have you ever wanted to take a trip around the world? That is just what the Higham family did. In one year, they visited 28 countries. At the time, Jordan was 8 years old, and his sister, Katrina, was 11.

The Highams are back home in California. They are now sharing their story with other people. Study the map. Then take a look at photos from their trip and read about four places they visited.



### The Eiffel Tower

The Eiffel Tower is in Paris, France. France is a country in Europe. The tower is made of metal. More than 100 workers spent about two years building the tower. It was finished in 1889. At that time, it was the tallest structure ever built.

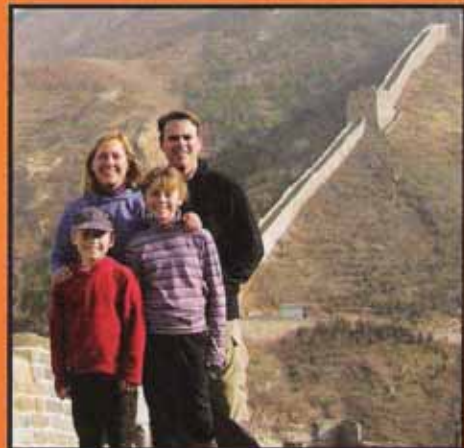
The Higham family climbed the Eiffel Tower. "Only my brother and I went to the very top," says Katrina. "It was very fun to be at the top."



### The Great Wall of China

Here is the Higham family in China. That is a country in Asia. The photo shows the family walking along the Great Wall of China. It is the longest human-made structure in the world.

"It was really, really long," says Jordan. "We only hiked on a small part of it, of course. It was cool seeing what the people of **ancient** China built." Ancient means very old.





## The Higham Family Trip

This world map shows what the Higham family saw in four countries they visited. Write the names of those four countries on the lines below.

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## The Amazon Rain Forest

The Highams visited Bolivia. That is a country in South America. Bolivia is home to part of the Amazon rain forest. The forest is warm and rainy. The Amazon is the largest rain forest in the world. It is about 10 times the size of Texas!

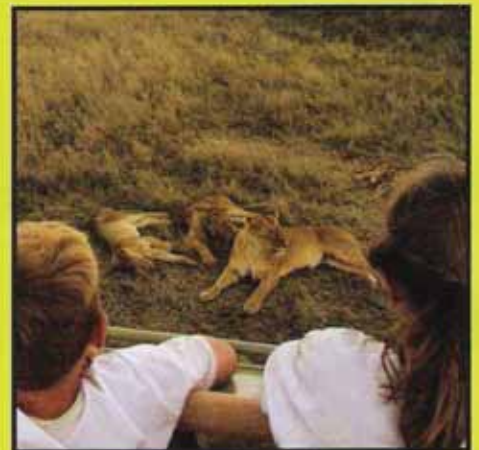
"The forest had really thick trees," says Jordan. "You could easily get lost there. So we always hiked together. We saw a spider one night about the size of a dinner plate!"



## A Safari in Tanzania

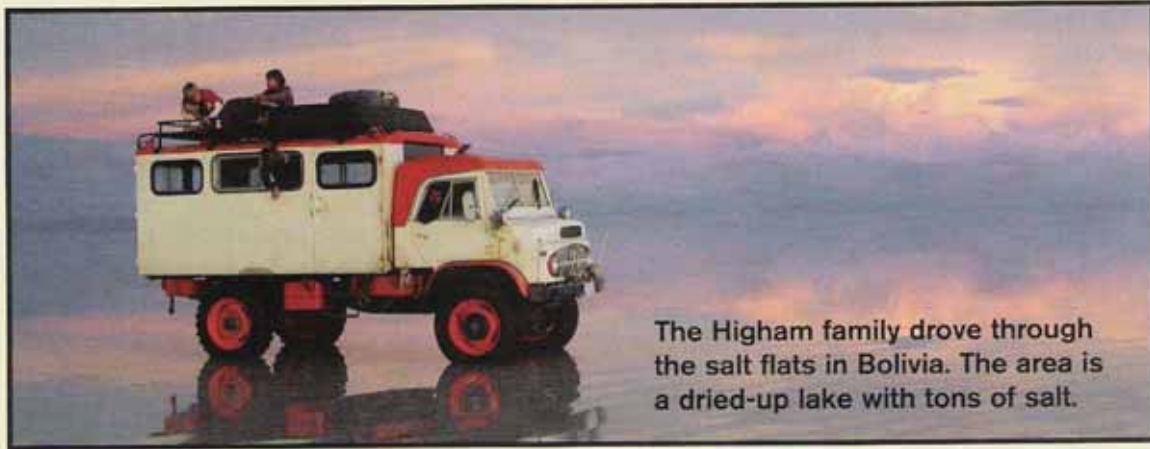
Tanzania is a country in Africa. Many wild animals live there. A tour guide took the Highams on a safari to see some of the animals up close. In this photo, the kids are looking at lions.

"I really love animals," says Katrina. "My favorite animals are cats. We were really lucky. We saw some leopards, lions, and cheetahs. We also saw giraffes, elephants, hippos, and gazelles."



# What Do You Know?

How much did you learn from this issue?  
Fill in the circle next to the best answer to each question.



The Higham family drove through the salt flats in Bolivia. The area is a dried-up lake with tons of salt.

Courtesy: Higham Family

1. Where does the Higham family live?
  - (A) California
  - (B) Tanzania
2. In which country is the Eiffel Tower?
  - (A) France
  - (B) China
3. What did the Higham family see on a safari?
  - (A) a rain forest
  - (B) wild animals
4. How big is the Amazon rain forest?
  - (A) about 10 times the size of Texas
  - (B) about the size of California

## WHISKERS'S™ CORNER

Dear Kids,

My family is taking a trip to China. We have to fly across the ocean. I'm afraid to fly in an airplane. What should I do?

Whiskers



## LAST LAUGH

**Q:** What is as big as an elephant but weighs nothing?

**A:** An elephant's shadow!

## WORD POWER

An **adjective** is a word that describes a noun. Choose the correct adjective to fill each blank below.

warm   tall   long   many

1. The Eiffel Tower is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Amazon rain forest is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Tanzania is home to \_\_\_\_\_ animals.
4. The Great Wall of China is very \_\_\_\_\_.