



Taroko Gorge

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Taroko Gorge is a beautiful place in Taiwan. It is in Hualien on the east coast. Many people visit Taroko every year. They come to see the tall mountains and the blue river. The gorge is famous around the world.

The walls of the gorge are made of **marble**. Marble is a special kind of white and grey rock. The river cut through the rock for millions of years. This made the deep and **narrow** gorge we see today. The water is a bright blue-green color.

There are many fun things to do at Taroko Gorge. You can walk on small **trails** by the river. You can cross long bridges high above the water. You can also visit a small temple on the mountain. Some trails go through dark **tunnels** in the rock.

The weather at Taroko can change fast. In summer, it is hot and rainy. Strong rains can cause rocks to fall from the cliffs. Visitors must wear a hard hat for safety. In winter, the air is cool and the sky is clear.

Many animals live in the gorge. You can see monkeys, butterflies, and many kinds of birds. The Truku people are **native** to this area. They lived here for a long time before the park opened. Today, you can learn about their culture at the visitor center.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. gorge ____ | a. high, steep walls of rock, often near water |
| 2. marble ____ | b. people who come to see a place for a short time |
| 3. narrow ____ | c. way of life, food, and traditions of a group of people |
| 4. trails ____ | d. hard white or grey stone used for buildings and art |
| 5. tunnels ____ | e. small distance from one side to the other; not wide |
| 6. cliffs ____ | f. small paths for walking through nature |
| 7. native ____ | g. long holes cut through rock or under the ground |
| 8. visitors ____ | h. born in or first living in a certain place |
| 9. temple ____ | i. special building where people pray |
| 10. culture ____ | j. deep, narrow valley with steep rocky sides |

B. True or False

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| ____ 1. Taroko Gorge is on the east coast of Taiwan. | ____ 2. The walls of the gorge are made of wood. |
| ____ 3. The river in Taroko Gorge is blue-green. | ____ 4. Visitors must wear a hard hat for safety. |
| ____ 5. Taroko Gorge is in the center of Taiwan. | ____ 6. Some trails go through tunnels in the rock. |

___ 7. The weather is always cold and dry at Taroko.

___ 8. The Truku people are native to this area.

___ 9. No animals live in the gorge.

___ 10. You can see a small temple on the mountain.

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: marble, narrow, trails, tunnels, native, cliffs, visitors, temple

1. The walls of Taroko Gorge are made of white and grey _____.
2. People can walk on small _____ by the river.
3. Some paths go through dark _____ in the rock.
4. The Truku people are _____ to this area of Taiwan.
5. The gorge is deep and _____ between the tall mountains.



D. Comprehension Questions

1. Where is Taroko Gorge located?
2. Why must visitors wear a hard hat?
3. What are three things you can do at Taroko Gorge?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Would you like to visit Taroko Gorge? Why or why not?
2. What is a beautiful nature place in your country, and what can you do there?



Answer Key

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A. Vocabulary: 1-j, 2-d, 3-e, 4-f, 5-g, 6-a, 7-h, 8-b, 9-i, 10-c

B. True/False: 1-T, 2-F, 3-T, 4-T, 5-F, 6-T, 7-F, 8-T, 9-F, 10-T

C. Fill Blanks: 1-marble, 2-trails, 3-tunnels, 4-native, 5-narrow

D. Comprehension:

1. Taroko Gorge is in Hualien on the east coast of Taiwan.
2. They must wear a hard hat because rocks can fall from the cliffs during strong rains.
3. You can walk on trails, cross long bridges, and visit a small temple on the mountain.

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