

1 a) Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

1. Have you ever visited a national park?
2. Are there any parks in the place where you live?
3. Why are they so special?
4. What can you do and see there?
5. Do you think we should protect natural places? Why?

b) Listen to Laura Gournic talking to Jean Morris about reasons for protecting nature¹. How many of these reasons does she mention?

a beautiful view, an unusual place, the home of wild animals, the home of rare plants, the home of certain groups of people, an isolated place, a dangerous place

2 a) Work in two groups. Read the text and take notes.**b) Use your notes and tell your friends what you have learnt from the article.**

Yellowstone National Park



Old Faithful Geyser

Yellowstone, the First National Park

Yellowstone National Park is the first and the most famous national park in the USA. It is situated high in the Rocky Mountains. Yellowstone has many kinds of unusual scenery. Millions of people visit the park every year. The valley of the Yellowstone River has beautifully coloured rocks and three large **waterfalls**. If you come to the park in the early morning or evening, you can sometimes see a **moose** or a buffalo eating grass along the **shores** of Lake Yellowstone. The high mountains around Yellowstone are covered with **evergreen** forests. Great **grizzly** bears live there.

Yellowstone National Park has many areas with **hot springs** and **geysers** or hot water fountains. Old Faithful Geyser is one of the most famous among them. Every seventy minutes Old Faithful

¹See Tapescript on p. 184.

*By name
by geyser*