
INTERNATIONAL A-LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE

UNIT 4 LANGUAGE EXPLORATION

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This insert is for use with **Question 2**.

The three texts that follow are:

- Text 4:** What is a glacier?
Text 5: What on Earth are glaciers?
Text 6: Glacier Heli Hike

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Text 4

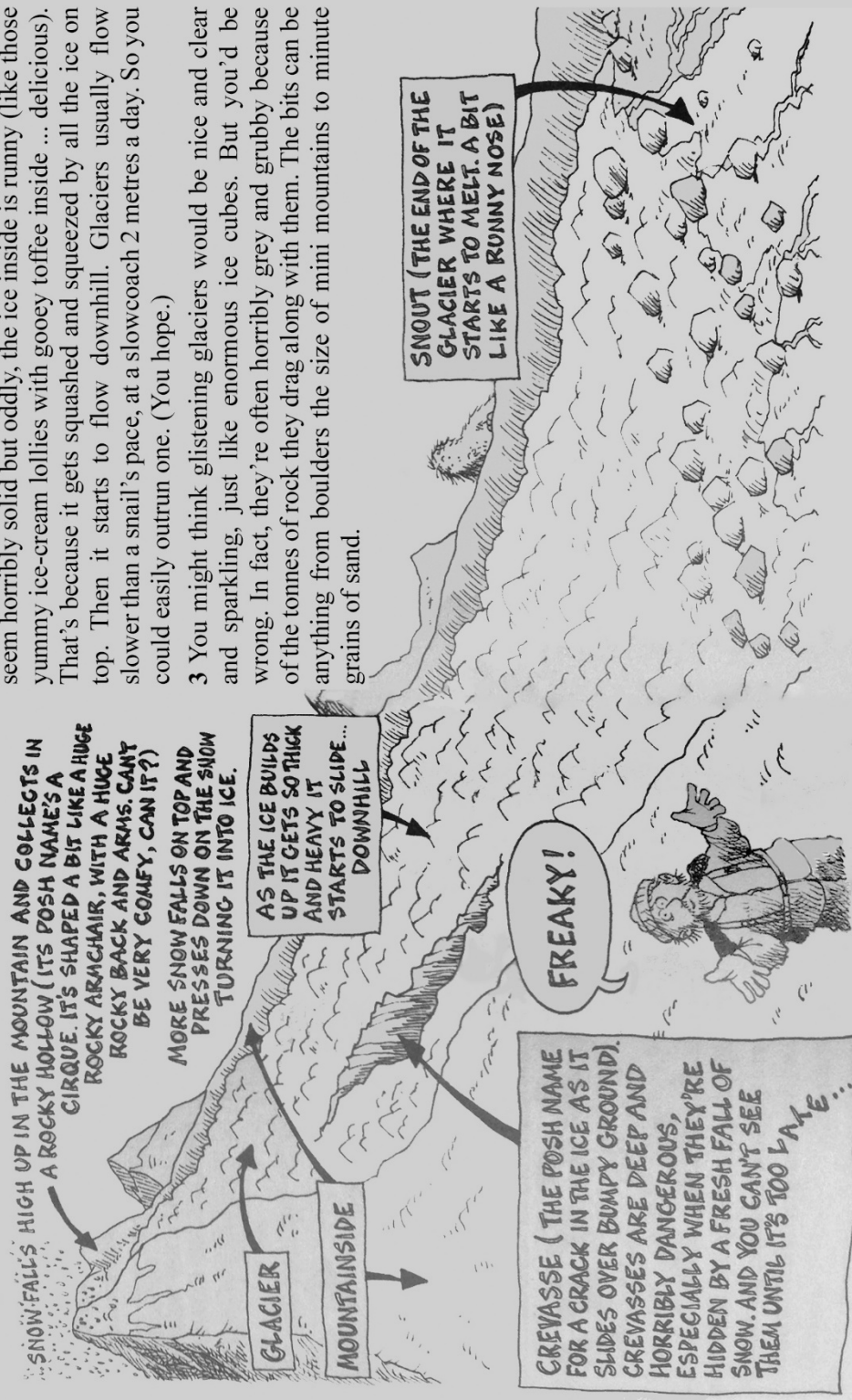
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Text 5

What on Earth are glaciers?

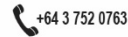
1 Like rivers, glaciers are gigantic rivers of ice found on freaky peaks. But if you can't tear yourself away from the telly, why not get to grips with a slippery glacier from the comfort of your own armchair. Here's Cliff with his stay-at-home glacier guide:



2 Like rivers, glaciers only flow downhill. Why? What happens is that gravity drags them down. (Gravity is the force which brings things down to the ground. So if you lose your footing on a slippery slope, gravity brings you down to Earth with a bump. Ouch!) But gravity doesn't work alone. To look at, glaciers seem horribly solid but oddly, the ice inside is runny (like those yummy ice-cream lollies with gooey toffee inside ... delicious). That's because it gets squashed and squeezed by all the ice on top. Then it starts to flow downhill. Glaciers usually flow slower than a snail's pace, at a slowcoach 2 metres a day. So you could easily outrun one. (You hope.)

3 You might think glistening glaciers would be nice and clear and sparkling, just like enormous ice cubes. But you'd be wrong. In fact, they're often horribly grey and grubby because of the tonnes of rock they drag along with them. The bits can be anything from boulders the size of mini mountains to minute grains of sand.

Text 6


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GLACIER HELI HIKE

Our world-renowned Glacier Heli Hike is the NZ Must Do not to be missed.

With the combination of an exhilarating helicopter ride, jaw-dropping scenery and a three hour hike through the most spectacular glacier features, it's no wonder our guests often label their Glacier Heli Hike as the highlight of their visit to Aotearoa (New Zealand).

Your journey starts at our glacier base in Franz Josef Village where our friendly team will check you in, get you kitted out with the essential gear and give you a pre-trip briefing.

From here, your guide will lead you on a short walk through native forest to the heli pad and get you ready to board your helicopter. Adrenaline levels start to spike as you board your helicopter and our highly trained pilot then whisks you away over the jaw dropping landscape – an opportunity to take in the full panoramic majesty of Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere nestled within the surrounding mountains.

Your pilot will land you high up on the glacier itself, where your guide will help you make the final preparations for your hike before you head off to explore the pristine features of this incredible icescape.

Our guides are highly skilled in the art of step cutting, which means we can find you both the safest and most spectacular route available on the glacier. Because the glacier is so fast moving, its features are constantly changing – you might find yourself sliding through a narrow crevasse or between towering walls of ice, crawling through blue ice tunnels, hanging out in ice caves, or witnessing the glacier calving¹. You can be sure that you're seeing the glacier in a unique state and no two trips are ever quite the same.

During your hike your guide will share with you the story of Kā Roimata o Hine Hukatere, their knowledge of the glacier and surrounding area and insight on why Franz Josef is so unique. You'll come away from your trip not only with a sense of awe at this majestic beauty, but a whole new understanding of why this precious landmark is so special.

¹ **calving** is when chunks of ice break from the edge of a glacier



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