

**Snapshot Response to
“Hottest, Coldest, Highest, Deepest”
by Steve Jenkins**

1. Make a Venn diagram to compare and contrast the Nile River and the Amazon River.

Possible response: Basically, the Nile River is longer, but the Amazon River carries more water. The Nile is on the African continent while the Amazon is in South America. Both are the largest rivers on Earth. Students may use length of each river from the Snapshot and add details they already know about either river.

2. This Snapshot is full of facts. Did you have trouble reading any parts? What questions did you ask? How did that help you as you read?

Students' questions will vary. Students should understand that their questions help them, because rereading to find answers helps people better understand what they're reading.

3. Words such as *driest*, *wettest*, *deepest*, and *highest* are called *superlatives*. This means they stand for the “most” in that category— the *most dry*, *wet*, *deep*, and *high*. Which superlative would you use to talk about cars? chili? a computer game? a toad?

Possible responses: *fastest*, *hottest*, *most challenging*, *ugliest*.