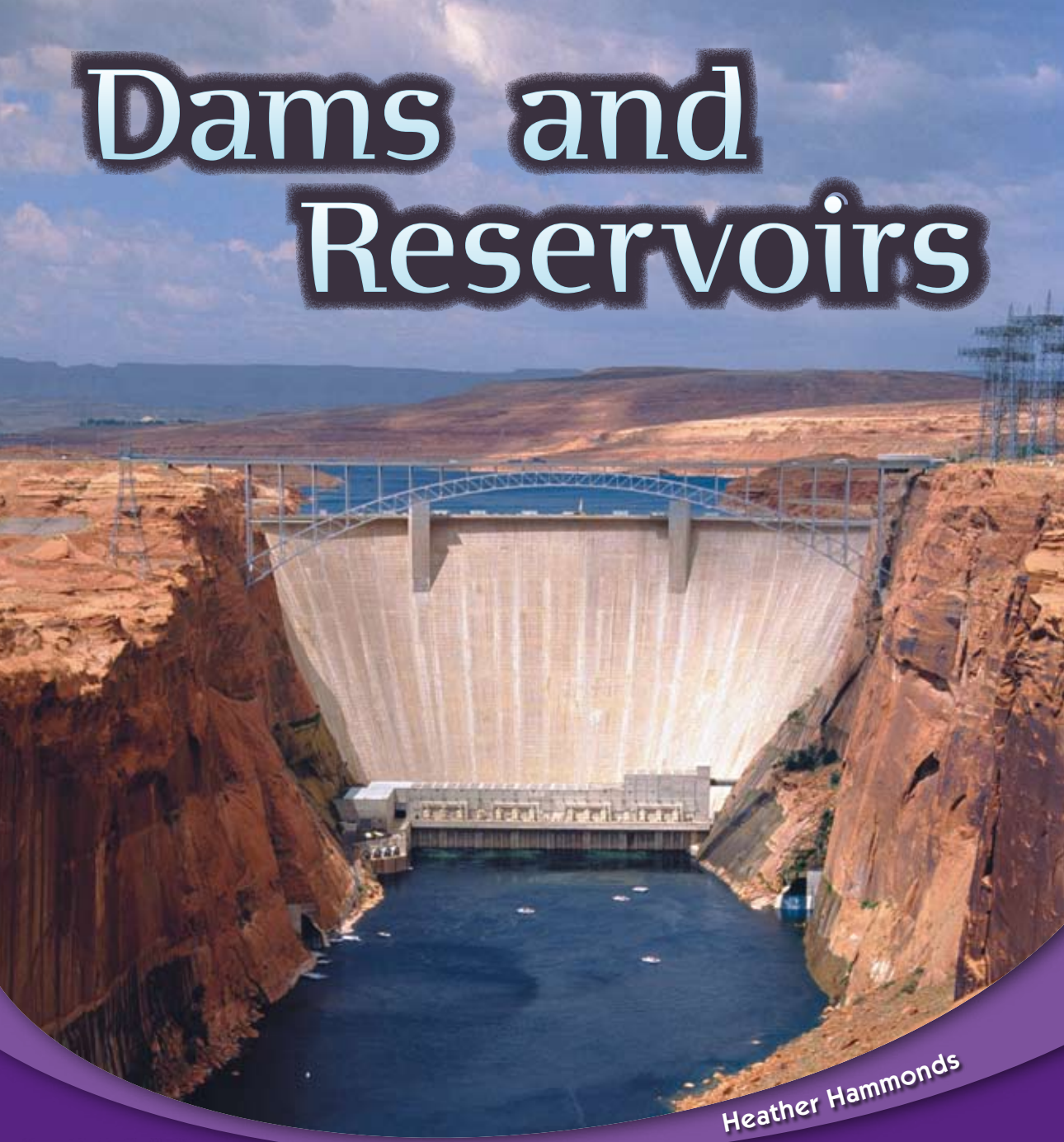
Dams and Reservoirs



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Information Report & Exposition

Dams and Reservoirs

Levels 24/25 Silver/Emerald

Key Learning Area **Technology**

Theme **Dams and Water Use**

Title **Dams and Reservoirs**

Text Type *Information Report*

Pages **2–10**

Text Form **Reference**

Genre **Non-fiction**

Purpose **To present information that classifies living or non-living things**

Text Structure

General Statement: Identifies and classifies the subject *(Page 2)*

Description: Provides information about the subject's physical appearance and other characteristics *(Pages 3–9)*

Evaluation: Provides a summary statement about the subject *(Page 10)*

Language Features

- Nouns *(e.g. spillways, dam, reservoir)*
- Pronouns *(e.g. it)*
- Adjectives *(e.g. large, strong, wide)*
- Present tense verbs *(e.g. walk, drive, flows)*
- Adverbs *(e.g. along)*
- Adverbial phrases *(e.g. out of the spillway)*

Title **Letter to the Editor**

Text Type *Exposition*

Pages **11–16**

Text Form **Letter**

Genre **Non-fiction**

Purpose **To persuade by arguing one side of an issue**

Text Structure

Statement of Position: Explains the writer's point of view and previews the arguments *(Page 10)*

Series of Arguments: Describes each argument and lists them in order of importance *(Pages 11–15)*

Concluding Statement: Relates the position more forcefully to persuade the reader *(Page 15)*

Language Features

- Nouns *(e.g. dam, town, drought)*
- Pronouns *(e.g. it, they)*
- Adjectives *(e.g. clean, small, new)*
- Present tense verbs *(e.g. provide, drink, use)*
- Adverbial phrases *(e.g. at the power station)*
- Time and sequence words *(e.g. First, Second)*

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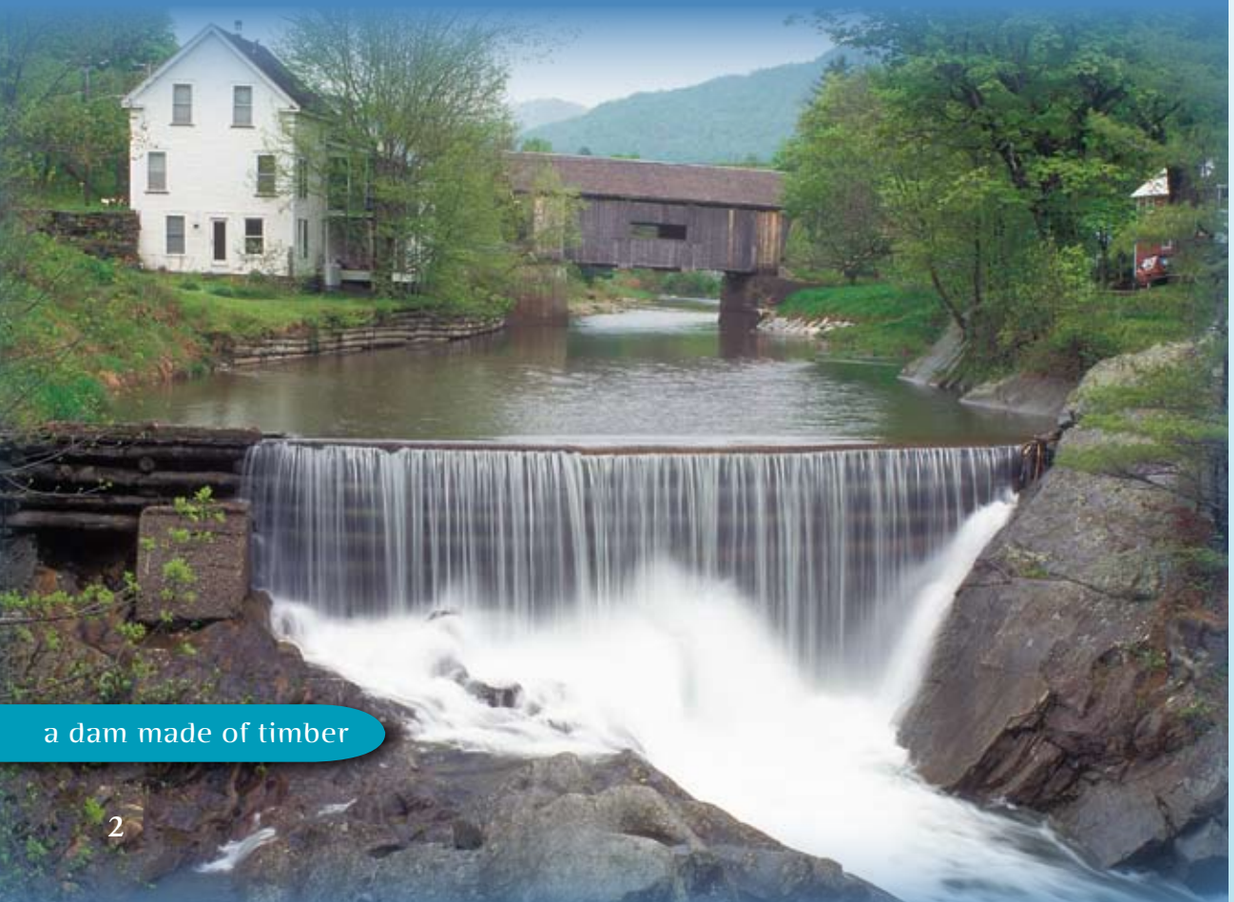
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Dams and Reservoirs

Dams are built to hold large amounts of water for people to use. They are built at places where people want to store water, such as at lakes or reservoirs.

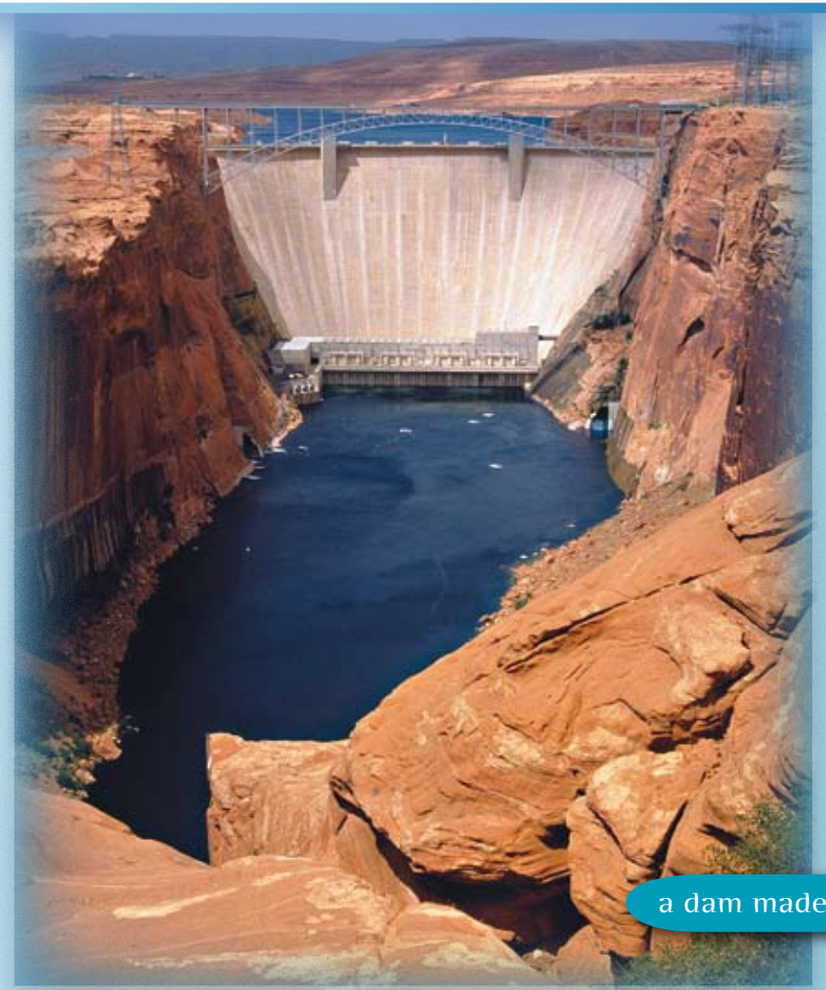


a dam made of timber

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Water from rivers and streams flows into a reservoir and is held in the reservoir by a dam wall.

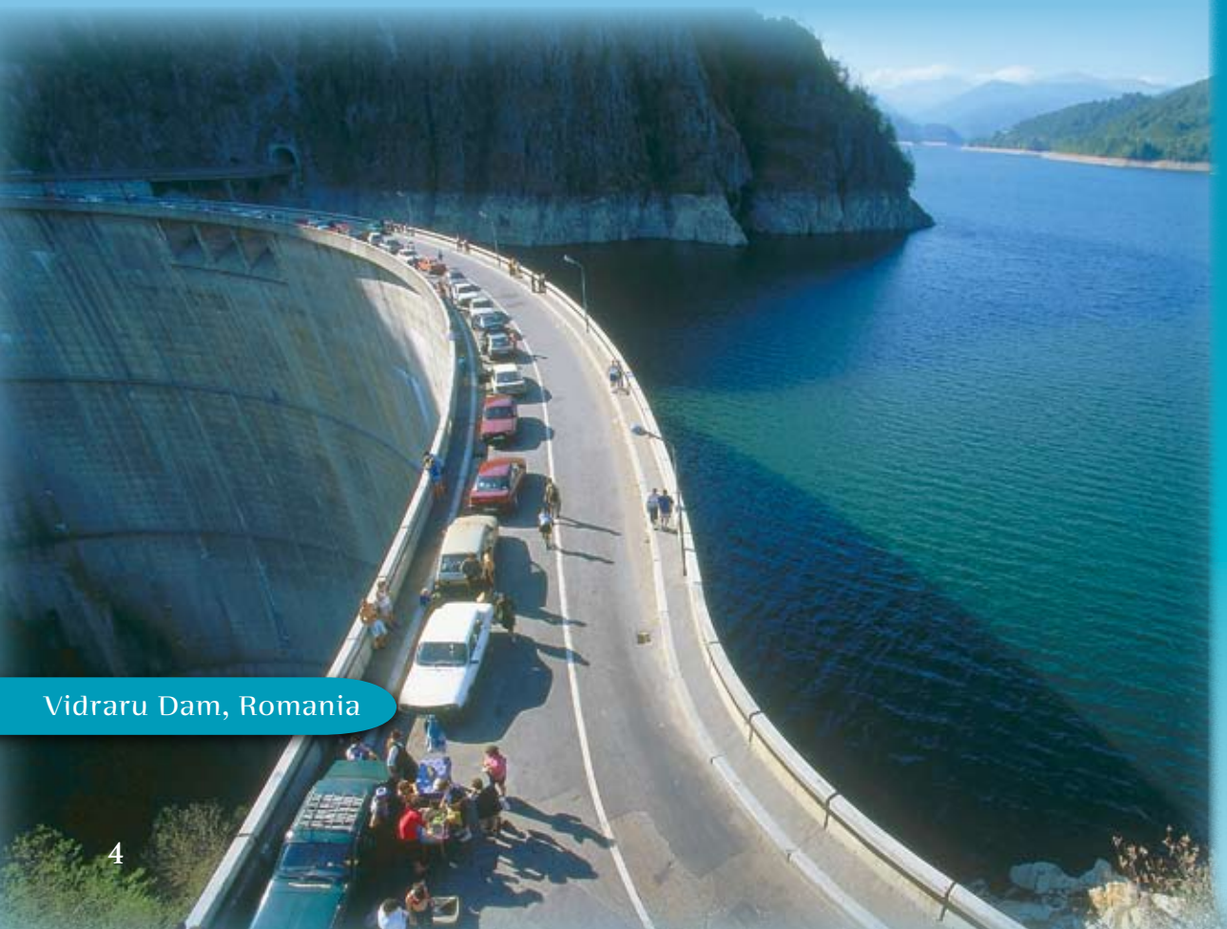
Some dam walls are made of timber or earth and rocks. Some dam walls are made of concrete.



a dam made of concrete

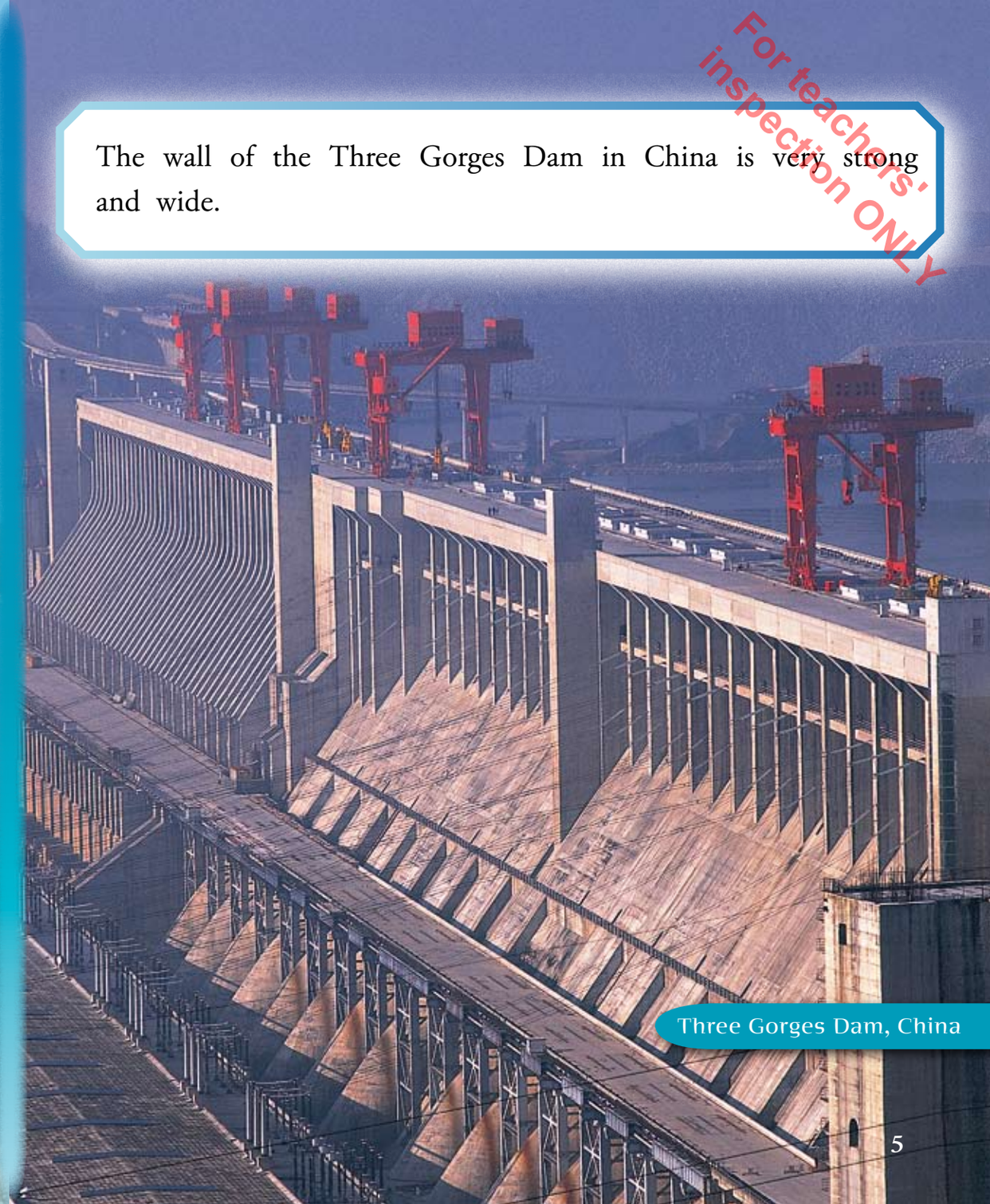
Dam walls are very strong and wide.

People can walk along the top of some dam walls and sometimes people can drive cars and trucks along the top of dam walls, too.



Vidraru Dam, Romania

The wall of the Three Gorges Dam in China is very strong and wide.

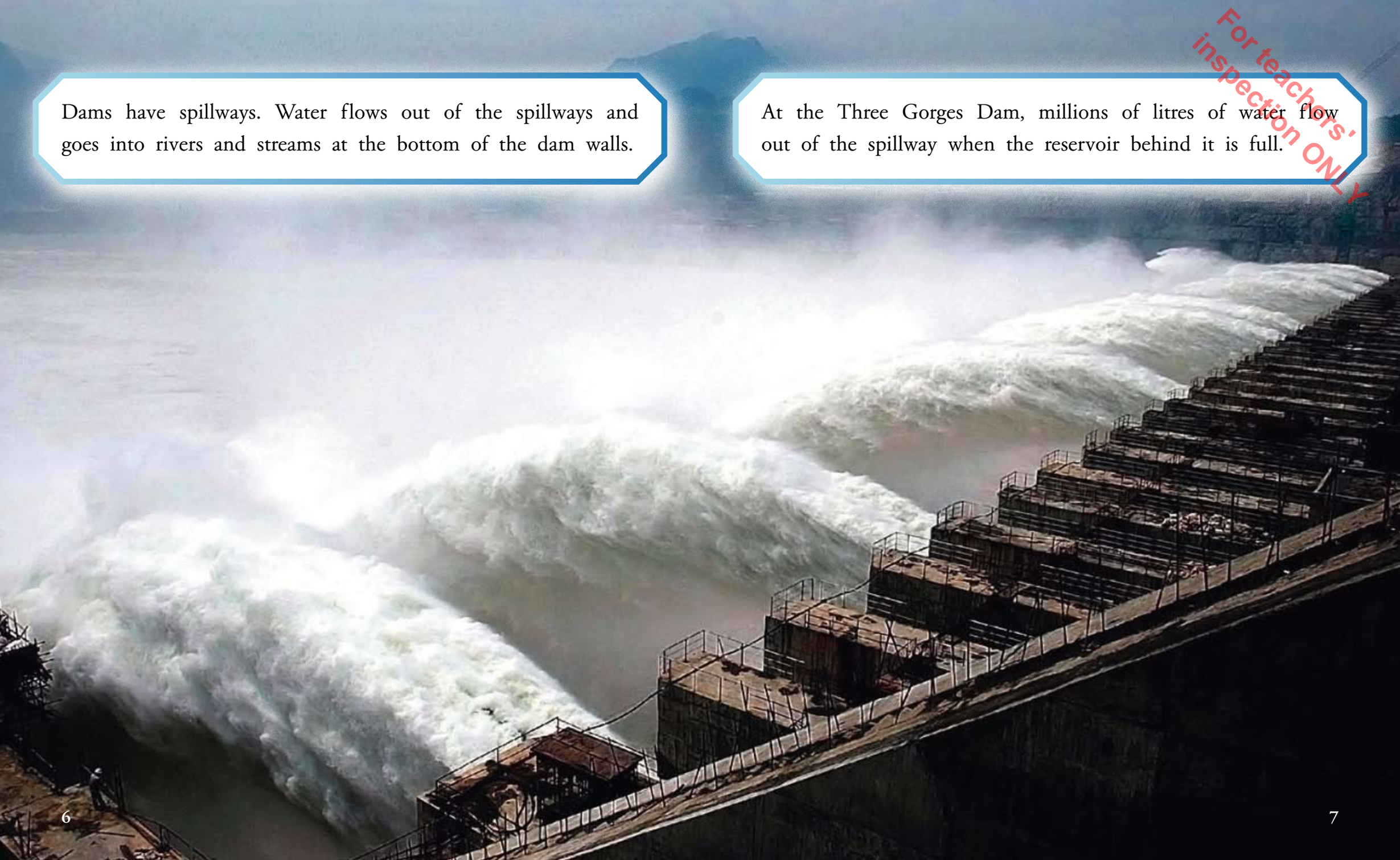


Three Gorges Dam, China

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Dams have spillways. Water flows out of the spillways and goes into rivers and streams at the bottom of the dam walls.

At the Three Gorges Dam, millions of litres of water flow out of the spillway when the reservoir behind it is full.



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