

# When Shall We Travel Far?



# How Do You Plan Your Summer Travel?





Everyone needs a dream **journey** at any time !

每个人都需要一场说走就走的旅行！

What is your **dream journey**?



**Have you ever dreamed of visiting mother river?**





The Yellow River

It runs through six countries

China

Myanmar

Laos

Thailand

Cambodia

Vietnam

**The Mekong River**





**The countries the  
Mekong River  
flows through:**

**China,  
Myanmar,  
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Thailand,  
Cambodia,  
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# Do you know more about the Mekong River?



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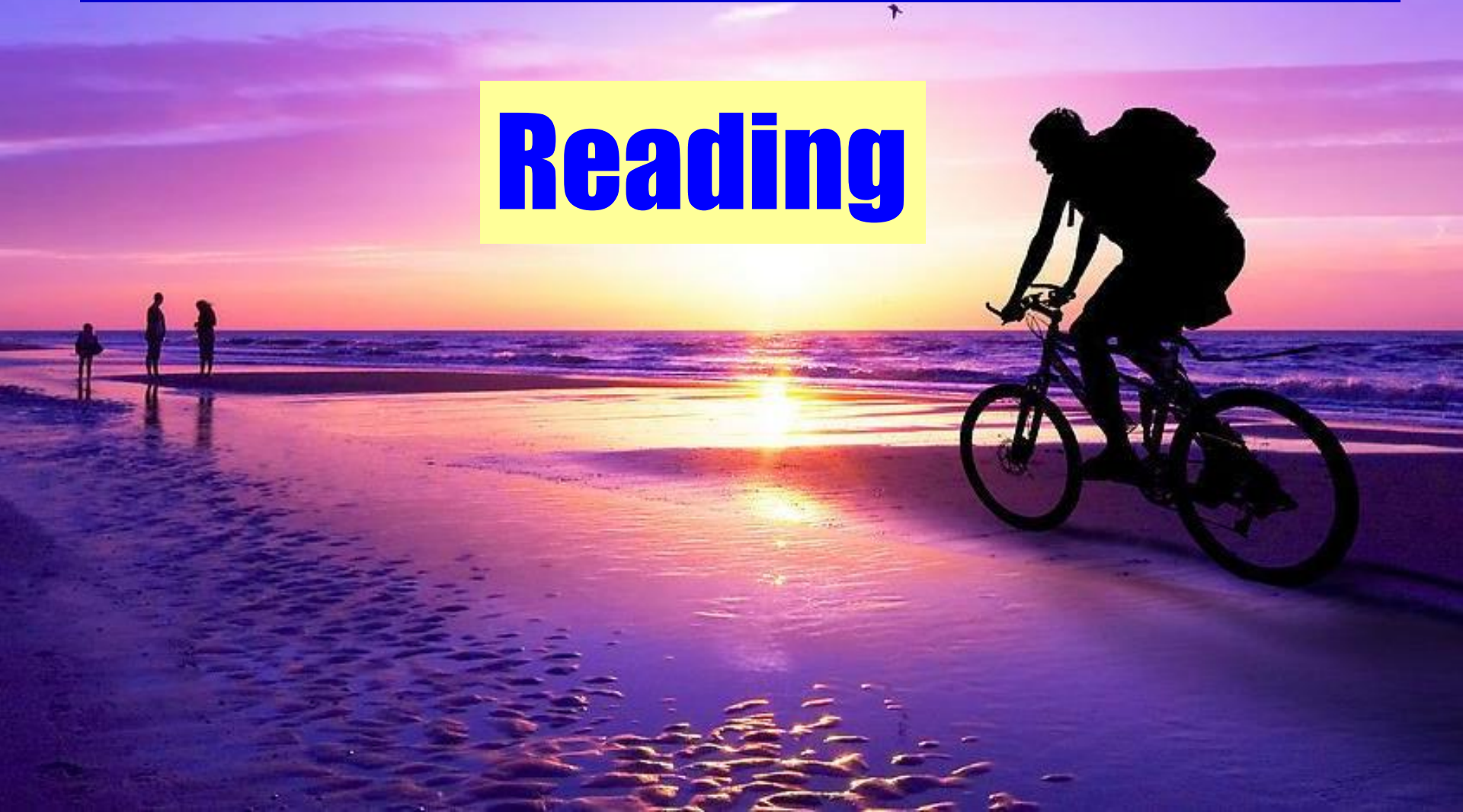
## Lancang River

- The longest river in South East Asia
- The sixth longest river in the world
- Another name in South East Asia—the Mekong River



# Journey Down the Mekong

## Reading





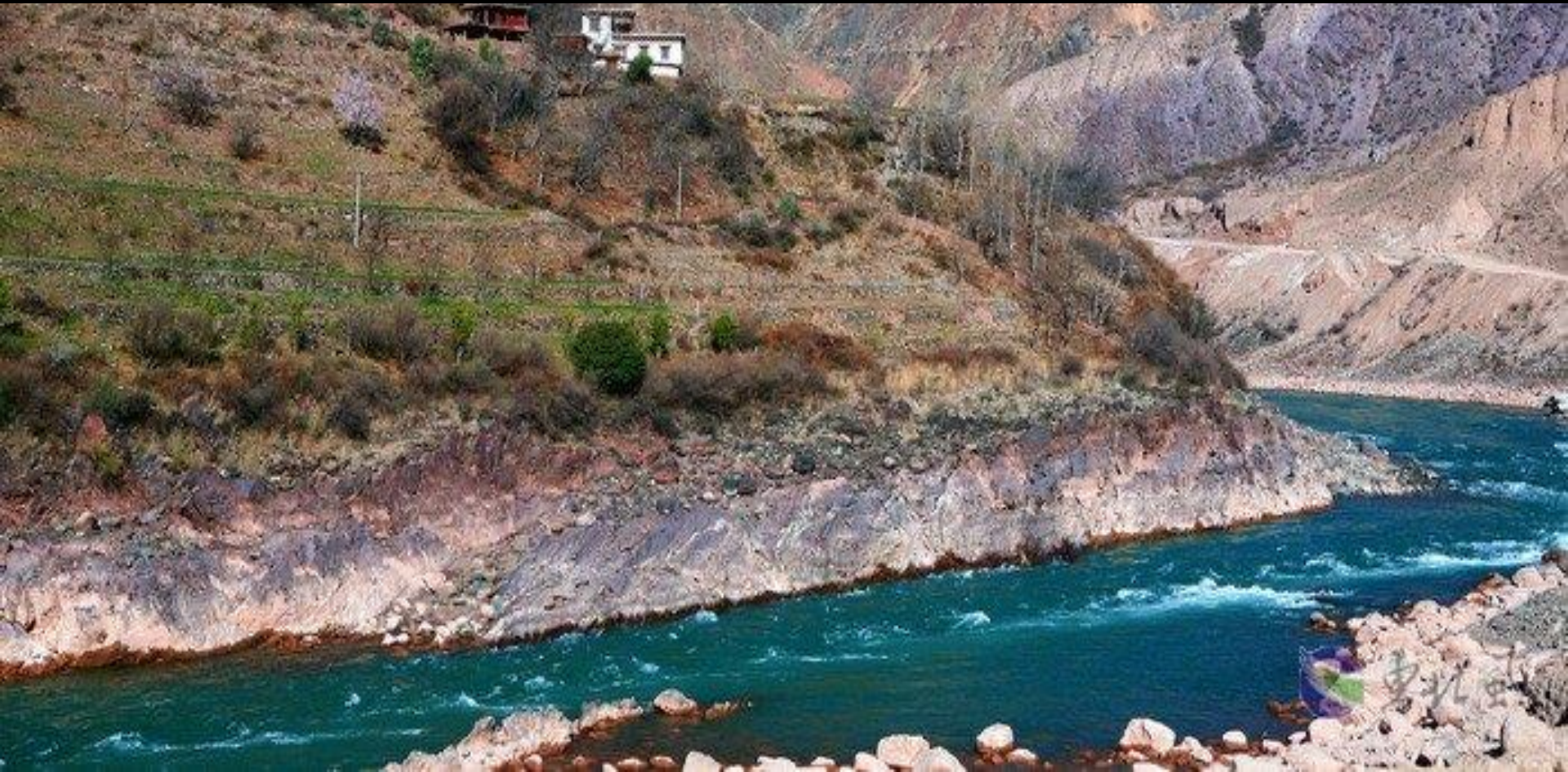
## Paragraph 3: **The Mekong**

It ***begins*** in a glacier on a mountain in Qinghai.





**At first, the river is small and the water is clear and cold.**





It becomes rapids as it **passes** through deep valleys.

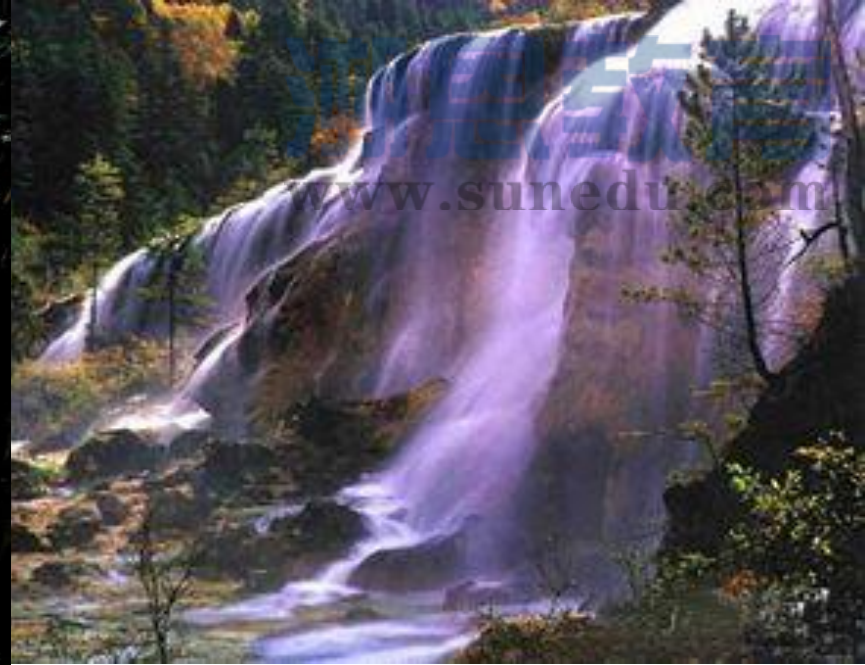




It *travels* across western Yunnan Province.







Sometimes the river becomes a waterfall and **enters** wide valleys.



It becomes wide, brown and warm.  
Its pace *slows*.



It ***makes*** wide bends  
or **meanders** through low valleys.



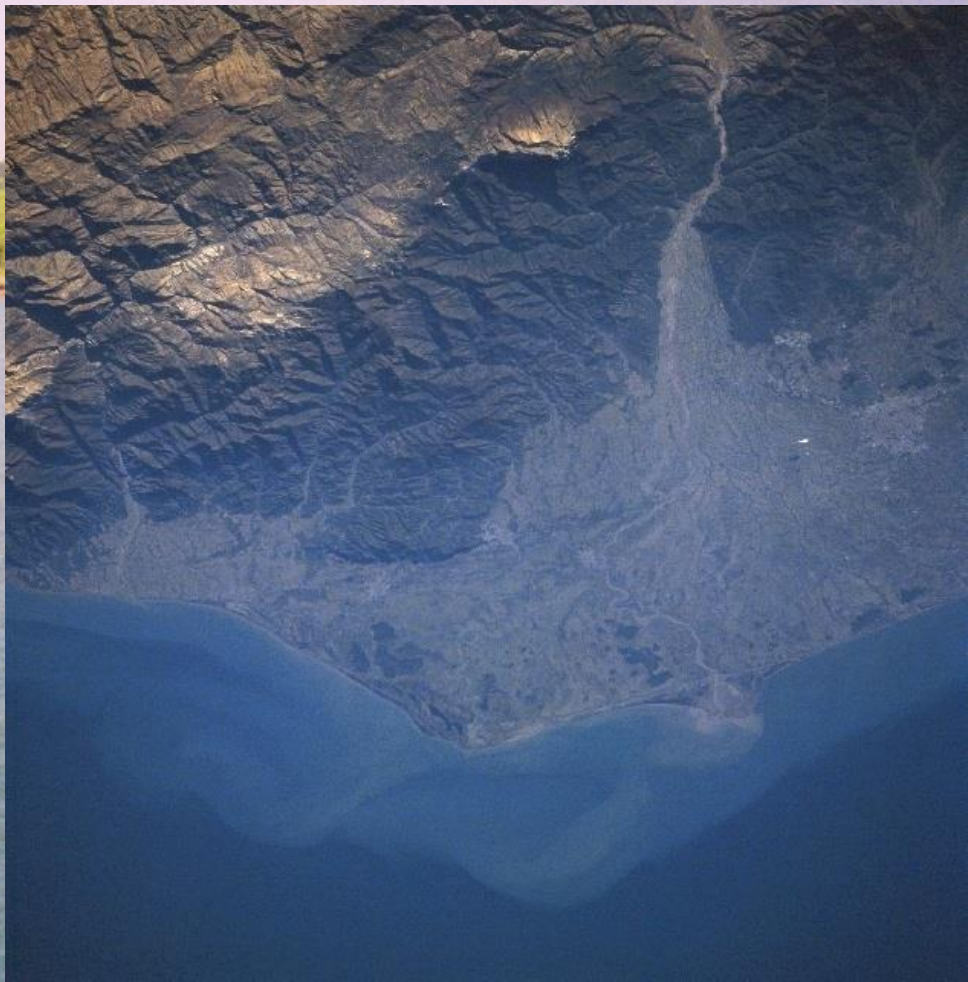


It **flows** to the plain where rice grows.





At last, the river delta *enters* the South China Sea.





# *Who were eager to visit the Mekong River?*

**Wang Kun**



**Wang Wei**

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# The writer was thinking...

- A great bike trip...
- Set the stage: Wang Kun and Wang Wei, dreamed about , Dao Wei and Yu Hang , After graduating, cycle along ...



Who? When? How? What's happening? ...story setting.

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9. **Why** did the writer choose **these two persons**

10. I asked my sister, "Where are we going?"

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It serves as a connecting link between the preceding and the following .(承上启下)

**What's this sentence doing here?**



# Read for basic information

## First Paragraph:

My name is Wang Kun. Ever since middle school, my sister Wang Wei and I have dreamed about taking a great bike trip. Two years ago she bought an expensive mountain bike and then she persuaded me to buy one. Last year, she visited our cousins, Dao Wei and Yu Hang at their college in Kunming. They are Dai and grew up in western Yunnan Province near the Lancang River, the Chinese part of the river that is called the Mekong River in other countries. Wang Wei soon got them interested in cycling too. After graduating from college, we finally got the chance to take a bike trip. I asked my sister, “Where are we going?” It was my sister who first had the idea to cycle along the entire Mekong River from where it begins to where it ends. Now she is planning our schedule for the trip.

**Their Dream**



**Their plan?**

# Read for Gist

## Second Paragraph:

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the journey began at altitude of more than 5,000 meters	excited	risk-taking
hard to breathe very cold	interesting	strong-willed

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A parallel(平行的)  
structure

to emphasize 强调



It begins at an  
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Why did Wang Kun give the title Journey  
**DOWN** The Mekong?



Down to  
the **South**

It runs through **low valleys** to the  
**plains**, and the  
river **delta** enters  
the South China  
Sea.

Wang Wei's personalities	evidence
enthusiastic/ considerate	She bought an <b>expensive</b> mountain bike.
persuasive	She <b>persuaded me</b> to buy one.
selective	She <b>got them interested</b> in cycling.
stubborn adj.	She <b>insisted</b> that she organize the trip properly.
doesn't care about details	She <b>didn't decide</b> when to leave and when to come back.
bold(鲁莽)	She <b>hadn't</b> looked at a map yet.
determined	The source of Mekong-- Qinghai Province
risk-taking	The journey began at altitude of more than 5,000 meters.
strong-willed	The air would be hard to breathe and it would be very cold.

# Speaking and writing

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*stubborn/ enthusiastic/ considerate/ persuasive/  
selective/ bold(鲁莽)/ determined/ risk-taking  
/ strong-willed ...*



Can you find a person with an **impressive and typical** personality? Show us the right one with some evidence. ( 3-5 sentences )





***Travel*** can **widen our knowledge,**  
***broaden our horizon*** and **make**  
***one open-minded*** as well.





# *Homework*

1. Improve the short story and hand it in.