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The government of the United States and Canada control the use of the land in the surrounding area, and much of it has been turned into parks. They also control the use of the water for important hydroelectric power. In 1950, the Niagara Diversion Treaty outlined that a minimum flow would be kept for the falls, and that the remaining flow would be divided equally between the United States and Canada.

The power and beauty of the American and the Canadian falls continue to amaze visitors and make Niagara Falls a popular destination for tourists from around the world.

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a. Canada                      b. Massachusetts                      c. New York                      d. North America
2. \_\_\_\_\_ liked going over the falls a long time ago.  
a. government                      b. daredevils                      c. Canada                      d. no one
3. Niagara Falls is a famous \_\_\_\_\_ in North America.  
a. tourist                      b. water                      c. tourist attraction                      d. popular
4. Most of the place around the Falls have been changed into \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. dirt                      b. soil                      c. more water                      d. parks

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