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T/F statements

Preparing for the task

- 1** ★ Read statements 1 & 2 below. Then read the first paragraph of the text. Pay attention to the underlined words/phrases.

- 1 Most people imagine Vietnam is quiet and peaceful.
- 2 Parts of Vietnam are on the coast.

Are statements 1 & 2 true or false? How did the underlined words/phrases help you?

- 2** a) ★ Read the text and decide if each statement is T (true) or F (false). Give reasons.

- 1 The best way to see Ha Long Bay is by boat.
- 2 Lan Ha Bay is quieter than Ha Long Bay.
- 3 Lan Ha Bay is popular with tourists.
- 4 Cuc Phuong is a great destination for hikers.
- 5 Delacour's langurs are a common sight in Vietnam.
- 6 You can learn how to do something on Phu Quoc Island.
- 7 Most Vietnamese people live in cities.
- 8 It's expensive to stay with a local Vietnamese family.
- 9 The writer doesn't recommend eating rice in Vietnam.
- 10 There is a lot of Vietnamese cuisine to choose from.

b) ★ What is the author's opinion about Vietnam?

- A positive B negative
C not clear



Visiting Vietnam

What comes to mind when you think of Vietnam? Most people picture crowded streets and hear the roar of speeding motorbikes. In fact, this Southeast Asian country, which borders the sea, is a region of breathtaking natural beauty.

One of the most famous tourist destinations in Vietnam is Ha Long Bay. The scenery is stunning, with tiny islands and columns of rock rising from the clear water. For the best views, go on a cruise around the bay. Want to get off the beaten track? Explore nearby Lan Ha Bay instead. It has all the beauty of Ha Long, but few tourists.

Vietnam's national parks are also a must for any traveller. They are home to some amazing wildlife, including bears, leopards and monkeys. The oldest national park is Cuc Phuong. Here, you can trek through the forest, climb mountains, explore caves and maybe even catch a glimpse of Delacour's langur, a very rare species of monkey.

Perhaps you fancy a trip to the beach? Visit Phu Quoc Island and spend your days sunbathing on white sands, or take a diving lesson and explore the beautiful coral reefs. You might even meet a dugong, a gentle sea mammal that weighs over 350 kg!

Vietnam has several large cities, but 70% of the population live in the countryside. To see the real Vietnam, take a trip to the rural areas and stay in the home of a local farming family. For a very reasonable price, you can experience village life and sample some traditional Vietnamese cooking.

Wherever you go in Vietnam, make sure you try the local cuisine. Vietnam is the world's second-largest exporter of rice, but while it's delicious, there's so much more on offer! Try nom hua chuoi, a salad made with banana flowers, or pho, a noodle soup and the national dish of Vietnam. Food is at the heart of Vietnamese culture – and it's not hard to see why.

With its incredible natural beauty, friendly locals and delicious food, Vietnam is a paradise for any traveller. Whether you like trekking through the mountains, relaxing on the beach or sampling new dishes, there's something for everyone. Just don't forget to bring your camera – and your appetite!

STUDY SKILLS

Read through the statements before reading the text. Underline the key words. The statements are in the same order as the information appears in the text, so as you come to information similar to the statement, stop, read carefully and look back at the statement to decide if it is true or false. Then continue reading and look for the next statement.

3 ★ Match the words/phrases in bold in the text to their synonyms.

- tasty • very small • taste
- centre • unbelievable
- more than • see for a moment

4 ★★ Match the highlighted words to their opposites.

- dangerous • urban • unknown
- expensive • distant • common

5 ★ Fill in: *make, trek, fancy, explore, experience, come, climb, take*.

- 1 Do you a trip to the national park tomorrow?
- 2 We want to the real Vietnam when we go there.
- 3 You need to hire a guide if you want to the caves.
- 4 It's a good idea to wear strong shoes when you through the forest.
- 5 I don't know how to sail a boat. Where can I lessons?
- 6 Always sure you've booked accommodation before you arrive at your destination.
- 7 It was difficult to the mountain, but the view from the top was beautiful.
- 8 White beaches always to mind when I think of the Caribbean.

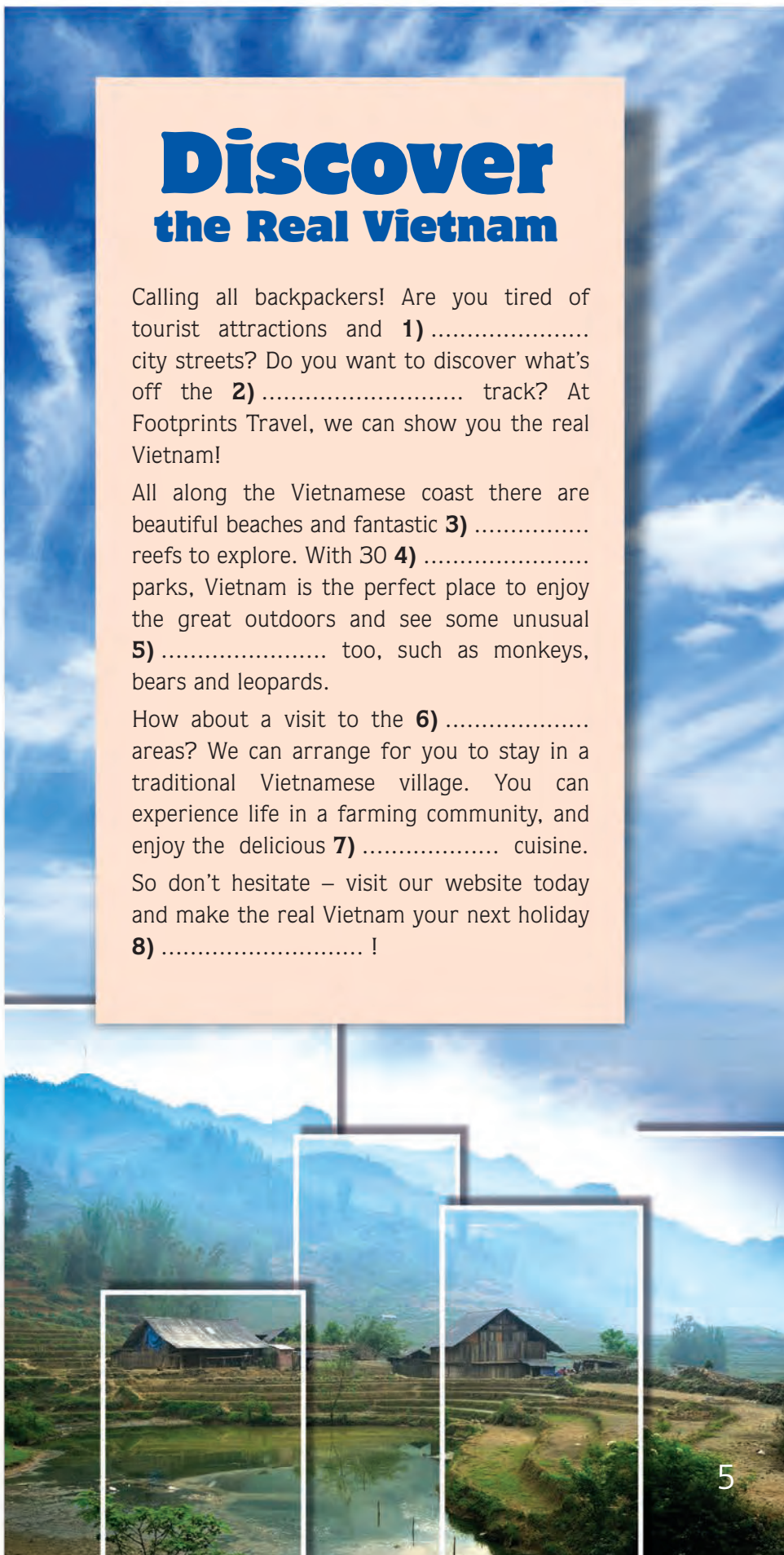
6 ★★ Fill in: *local, rural, destination, crowded, wildlife, beaten, national, coral*.

Discover the Real Vietnam

Calling all backpackers! Are you tired of tourist attractions and **1)** city streets? Do you want to discover what's off the **2)** track? At Footprints Travel, we can show you the real Vietnam!

All along the Vietnamese coast there are beautiful beaches and fantastic **3)** reefs to explore. With 30 **4)** parks, Vietnam is the perfect place to enjoy the great outdoors and see some unusual **5)** too, such as monkeys, bears and leopards.

How about a visit to the **6)** areas? We can arrange for you to stay in a traditional Vietnamese village. You can experience life in a farming community, and enjoy the delicious **7)** cuisine. So don't hesitate – visit our website today and make the real Vietnam your next holiday **8)** !



1 ★ Complete the sentences with the words from the list.

- remote • snow-capped • unspoilt • thick
- extreme • thrill • scenery • mountain
- tall • extinct

- 1 We enjoy exploring the wilderness, where other tourists don't go.
- 2 I took some great pictures of the in New Zealand. It was beautiful!
- 3 Tokatoka is a(n) volcano, so it doesn't erupt.
- 4 The Himalayas is a(n) range that includes Mount Everest.
- 5 Shelley and Laura are seekers – they love going to exciting new places.
- 6 Daniel enjoys sports, especially white-water rafting.
- 7 Even in summer, it's cold in the north, so you can see mountains all around you.
- 8 Angel Falls is a(n) waterfall in Venezuela that is 979 metres high!
- 9 Mike is staying in a(n) region of Tibet and he hasn't got Internet access.
- 10 It's dark under the trees in the forest, even in the daytime.

2 ★★ Complete the advert. Use: *explore, experience, sample, afford, hire, bargain, book, rent.*

Highlights of Morocco Tour

Day 1: Start your tour in the 'Jewel of the South' – Marrakesh – and **1)** the hustle and bustle of the country's fourth-largest city.

Days 2-3: **2)** with stallholders in the famous markets and **3)** the delicious North African cuisine.

Days 4-7: Go on a desert tour from Marrakesh to the city of Fez:

- **4)** a room in the Berber village of Azrou.
- **5)** the forests of the Atlas Mountains.
- **6)** a camel and trek across the Sahara Desert.

Days 8-10: Enjoy the sights and sounds of the old capital, Fez.

Don't miss out! **7)** a place on our Highlights of Morocco Tour today! With 50% off until 31st March, it's the trip of a lifetime that everyone can **8)** !

3 ★ Choose the correct word.

- 1 The world's biggest **cave/ocean** is in Vietnam; it is 5 km long with its own river and jungle.
- 2 We sailed down the Norwegian **waterfalls/fjords** all the way to the sea.
- 3 More than half the world's species live in tropical **rainforests/deserts**.
- 4 The **valley/island** was surrounded by clear blue water.
- 5 The White **Cliffs/Bays** of Dover, in the UK, are up to 110 metres high.
- 6 The Danube is a European **river/lake** that runs through ten countries.

4 ★★ Complete the weather forecast with the words in the list.

- cloudy • rain • icy • temperatures
- sunshine • freezing • snowfall

This morning in New York City it's **1)** cold, with **2)** well below zero. Heavy **3)** has left everything white, so this afternoon is the perfect time to take your kids out to build a snowman! But be careful – the pavements are **4)** Further south in Atlantic City, the day has started with bright **5)**, but don't rush outside! **6)** skies are on the way, and there's a good chance of **7)** at lunchtime – so take your umbrella!

5 ★ Complete the collocations: *hotel, square, market, sea, beach, people.*

- 1 crystal clear/warm/calm/deep
- 2 quiet/peaceful/dirty/sandy
- 3 cheap/expensive/comfortable/historic
- 4 central/main/village/market
- 5 friendly/warm/polite/honest
- 6 street/noisy/crowded/weekly

6 ★★ Choose the correct item.

- 1 This hotel is popular **with/on** families.
- 2 Becky gets around the island **in/by** car.
- 3 They're going **off/out** for dinner tonight.
- 4 We relaxed **on/over** the beach.
- 5 This mountain is ideal **for/to** skiing.
- 6 There are fireworks going **up/off** outside!



Topic related vocabulary

1b

Weather

- 7** ★ Fill in: *mild, gentle, dark, frozen, low.*
- 1 North Alaska is the coldest region in Alaska with very temperatures even in the summer.
 - 2 Look at those clouds! Rain is on the way.
 - 3 You can walk across the fjord in winter.
 - 4 It's very hot today, but the breeze cools you down.
 - 5 This is a really winter – it hasn't been very cold at all!

- 8** ★ Fill in: *lightning, thunder, centigrade, shower, gale.*

- 1 The sound of always frightens my dog.
- 2 The tree in our garden blew down during the
- 3 James got soaking wet in that sudden yesterday afternoon.
- 4 The temperature in the desert can reach 45 degrees at midday.
- 5 I love the way flashes of light up the sky during a storm.

Word formation

- 12** ★★ Complete the sentences with words derived from the words in bold.

- 1 Scuba diving is my favourite holiday (ACT)
- 2 Blue Mosque is a very popular tourist in Istanbul. (ATTRACT)
- 3 The hostel is in a quiet of the city. (NEIGHBOUR)
- 4 I was impressed by the of the airline staff. (PATIENT)
- 5 The of Paris is over two million people! (POPULATE)

- 6 We have a great with the owners of the hotel and we go there every year. (RELATION)
- 7 The of the locals is something we will always remember. (POLITE)
- 8 The evening for the children is free. (ENTERTAIN)
- 9 We usually stay in cheap when we're backpacking. (ACCOMMODATE)
- 10 It's your to book the tickets for the ferry. (RESPONSIBLE)

Travel

- 9** ★★ Fill in: *luggage, boarding, gate, airline, duty-free, passport.*

Airport Checklist

- Before you leave home, make sure you've got your **1)** because you can't travel abroad without it.
- At the airport, find the desk of the **2)** you're flying with. Check in your **3)** and get your **4)** pass.
- Go through security and go shopping in the **5)** shops.
- Then find your departure **6)** and follow the instructions from the staff when it's time to board the plane.

- 10** ★ Fill in: *porter, guests, facilities, reception, exchange, single.*

- 1 The hotel has got excellent, including a pool and a gym.
- 2 The can take your suitcases up to your room.
- 3 I'm travelling on my own, so I only need a(n) room.
- 4 What is the rate for euros into dollars?
- 5 You can get your room key from the desk.
- 6 There are over 250 staying in the hotel.

- 11** ★★ Fill in the correct item.

- 1 **travel/journey**
 - a The across the mountains takes two days by bus.
 - b Ben's interests are and music.
- 2 **trip/tour**
 - a We're going on a of Europe, visiting twelve different capitals.
 - b Let's take a to Paris at the weekend.
- 3 **ticket/fare**
 - a Can I have a return to Glasgow, please?
 - b They are putting up the bus to £1.50.

Present tenses

1 ★ Underline the correct tense. Give reasons.

- The ferry boat **leaves/is leaving** at 8:00 each evening.
- I can't believe you're here too! **Do you stay/ Are you staying** at the Grand Hotel?
- Sheila **loves/is loving** camping holidays.
- We **don't eat/aren't eating** dinner at the hotel tonight.
- He **always complains/is always complaining** about the weather.
- They **go/are going** on holiday to the Alps every summer.
- It **has been snowing/has snowed** since morning; the ground is covered with snow.
- How long **do you work/have you been working** as a tour guide?
- They **serve/are serving** breakfast between 7:30 and 10 in the hotel.
- This is the first time Emily **visits/has visited** Canada.

2 ★ Put the verbs in brackets into the correct present tense.

Hi Paul,

I 1) **(just/start)** working as a tour guide in Prague and I 2) **(have)** a fantastic time! 3) **(you/ever/be)** to Prague? It's such an interesting place. Every day, I 4) **(show)** five groups of tourists around the city and, for the past two days, I 5) **(lead)** a night tour, too. It's called the Prague Ghost Tour, but I 6) **(not/see)** a ghost yet!

7) **(you/work)** at the moment? If not, Toby 8) **(visit)** me next weekend. Why don't you come too? You 9) **(always/say)** that you want to visit Prague. Toby 10) **(fly)** from Gatwick Airport at 7 pm on Friday. There are still a few seats left on the flight, so let me know!

Chris



3 ★★ Put the verbs in brackets in the correct present tense.

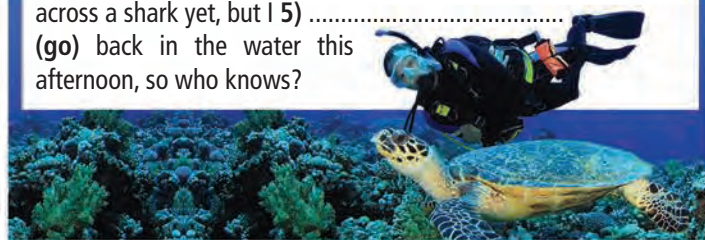
- A: **(you/book)** the hotel yet?
B: No, I **(search)** for a good deal online, but I **(not/find)** anything yet.
- A: Jenna **(travel)** around Australia for six months now.
B: I know. I **(read)** her travel blog every week.
- A: We **(not/try)** kayaking before. Let's take a lesson today.
B: No thanks. I **(not/like)** water sports.
- A: I **(call)** Luke three times, but he **(not/answer)** his phone.
B: I think he **(have)** a meeting today.

4 ★ Fill in: *for, since, yet, all day, how long, never, so far, ever.*

- Mike has been looking for cheap flights to Antigua
- They've been in Rome for a week, and they haven't had any pizza!
- We haven't been skiing 2014.
- I haven't spoken to Jim about borrowing his tent
- I have been to Barbados before!
- has Lucy been planning this trip to the USA?
- Tina hasn't travelled abroad.
- They haven't visited their villa in Italy three years!

5 ★★ Put the verbs in brackets into the correct present tense.

Check out my new friend! He's a green turtle and he 1) **(live)** in the sea off the coast of Borneo. I 2) **(only/learn)** to scuba dive for three days, but I 3) **(already/see)** some amazing sea creatures! I 4) **(not/come)** across a shark yet, but I 5) **(go)** back in the water this afternoon, so who knows?



(to) infinitive/-ing form

1 ★ Choose the correct form.

- 1 You need masks **go/to go/going** snorkelling.
- 2 **Hike/To hike/Hiking** is my favourite outdoor activity.
- 3 Dad let us **join/to join/joining** the forest hike.
- 4 I'd rather **go/to go/going** to France than Germany this summer.
- 5 We're thinking about **fly/to fly/flying** down to Greece this year.
- 6 The children are sad **leave/to leave/leaving** this beautiful resort.
- 7 There's not enough room for three people **sleep/to sleep/sleeping** in here.
- 8 Ann's looking forward **visit/to visit/to visiting** her cousin in Rome.

2 ★ Complete the sentences using (to) infinitive or -ing forms.

- 1 Don't forget **(pack)** some warm clothes – it gets chilly in the evenings.
- 2 Try **(book)** your ticket online next time. I think it's cheaper.
- 3 Don't stop **(go)** on camping holidays now you have children.
- 4 Terry regrets **(buy)** a watch at the market – it's not good quality.
- 5 I remember **(visit)** Paris in the 1990s.
- 6 Do I need **(have)** a passport to travel to Ireland?

3 ★★ Correct the mistakes.

- 1 I'd like trying the local cuisine.
- 2 Lisa doesn't mind to spend the day on the beach.
- 3 You can to hire a boat over there.
- 4 Harry fancies to stay in a hotel by the sea.
- 5 It's too hot hiking up the mountain today.
- 6 We're looking forward to shop in the markets.
- 7 They had difficulty to put their tent up.
- 8 You mustn't to swim here – it's very dangerous.

4 ★★ Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use no more than three words.

- 1 The last time Jack visited France was in 2012.
Jack
France since 2012.
- 2 Have you booked a place on the tour for tomorrow?
Did you manage
a place on the tour for tomorrow?
- 3 Tracey moved to the USA two years ago.
Tracey
living in the USA for two years.
- 4 It's important that you wear sunscreen on the beach.
You must remember
sunscreen on the beach.
- 5 Don't bother to buy skis – you can hire them at the resort.
There's no point skis
– you can hire them at the resort.

▶ Grammar in Focus

Complete the gaps with the correct word. Then put the words in brackets into the correct form.

- 1 Hampton Court Palace **1)**
(stand) on the banks of the River Thames
2) the 16th century. Kings
and queens **3)** **(not/live)** there
anymore, but it is very popular with tourists.
- 2 A lot of visitors enjoy **4)**
(spend) time in the beautiful gardens or trying
5) **(find)** their way out of the
famous maze. A new Magic Garden **6)**
..... **(just/open)**, too, especially
for families with children.
- 3 For visitors who fancy **7)** **(learn)**
about traditional English food, there is the Tudor
Kitchen where chefs **8)**
(often/hold) cooking demonstrations. For those
who would prefer **9)** **(eat)** something
sweet, there is King George I's Chocolate Kitchen.
- 4 A day at Hampton Court Palace is a trip back in
time. The palace **10)** **(be)** part
of English history **11)** nearly 500
years and, while some things are very different,
others **12)** **(not/change)**
at all.

1d Listening skills

Gap fill

Preparing for the task

- 1** a) ★ Read the sentences (1-5), paying attention to the underlined words. What word/words is/are missing from each gap? Choose from the list. How did the underlined words help you?

- a language • a place • a geographical feature
- adjective(s) describing weather • a number

- 1 Malaysia is a Southeast Asian country with a population of people.
- 2 The official language is Malay, but a lot of people speak
- 3 Malaysia has a tropical climate, with weather all year.
- 4 There are a lot of different landscapes in Malaysia, from mountains and to sandy beaches.
- 5 Most Malaysians live on the Malay Peninsula, with over 8 million in the of Kuala Lumpur.

b) Now fill in the gaps. Use: *English, forests, 28 million, capital city, warm and wet.*

c) Look at the advertisement in Ex. 2 quickly. Can you guess what goes in each gap?

STUDY SKILLS

Read the gapped sentences before you listen to the recording. Try to think of words which could fit in the gaps and complete the sentence.

- 2** ★★ You are going to listen to an advertisement for a holiday. For each gap (1-6), fill in the missing information.



Place to visit: Sandakan
 Location: On the 1) of Malaysia, on the Bay of Sandakan
 Accommodation: from budget 2) to luxury hotels
 Activities: Stroll in the Memorial 3), visit the Puu Jih Shih Temple or go swimming at the beach
 Day trip: Take the 4) to the Kabili-Sepilok Forest Reserve
 Where to eat: Fresh seafood at the Sim Sim Seafood Restaurant in the 5) of Kampong Buli Sim Sim
 Village houses: built on stilts over the 6)

T/F statements

Preparing for the task

- 3** ★ Look at the pairs of sentences. Tick the pairs that have the same meaning.
- 1 a 'I have never been to this country before,' says Tina.
 b This isn't Tina's first visit to the country.
 - 2 a 'It costs almost nothing to stay in this hostel,' says Frank.
 b It doesn't cost very much at all to stay in Frank's hostel.
 - 3 a 'There's nothing like a cold snowy day!' says Michael.
 b Michael can't stand cold, snowy weather.
 - 4 a 'I couldn't agree more about where to go, Jenny,' says Lee.
 b Lee and Jenny agree on their destination.

STUDY SKILLS

T/F statements

The information you hear in the recording has the same meaning as the true statements in the task, but not the same words. The false statements are always close in meaning to what you hear, but have a different meaning. While reading the statements, think of different ways of saying the same thing.

- 4** ★★ You will hear a conversation between a boy, Tony, and a girl, Diane, about a trip to Japan. Decide if each statement is T (true) or F (false).



- 1 Diane has won competitions before.
- 2 Diane knows very little about Japan.
- 3 Diane is going to Japan with her family.
- 4 It is usually dry in Japan in January.
- 5 Tony prefers cool, dry weather.
- 6 Diane and Tony agree that 'cubicle hotels' sound like fun.

Speaking skills

1e

Asking for/Giving directions

- 1** ★ Complete the dialogue with the options (A-G). There are two you do not need to use.

A: **1)**
 B: The restaurant? Sure. Go straight down this street until you come to a florist's.
 A: **2)**
 B: Turn right and go along Rush Street. Take the second left and Bill's Grill is on the left.
 A: **3)**
 B: No, it's less than five minutes on foot.
 A: **4)**
 B: You've got it.
 A: **5)**
 B: You're welcome. Enjoy your meal!

- A OK. Is it far?
 B Excuse me, is there a restaurant near here?
 C Thanks a lot.
 D Great. So it's right at the florist's and then the second left?
 E Can you tell me how to get to Bill's Grill?
 F OK, and then what?
 G What's the best way?

- 2** ★ Choose the correct response.

- 1 Excuse me, could you tell me how to get to the station?
 a Thanks a lot.
 b Of course.
 2 How far is the aquarium from here?
 a It's on your left.
 b It's 10 minutes by car.
 3 Is there a cinema near here?
 a There's one on Coal Road.
 b I think I've got that.
 4 Then, cross Meadow Avenue.
 a It's next to the park.
 b And after that?
 5 Could you tell me where the nearest supermarket is?
 a It's at the end of this street.
 b No, it isn't far.

STUDY SKILLS

Describing pictures

Describe what you can see in detail: the person/people, their clothes, where they are, the weather, what they are doing and how you think they are feeling. Use phrases like: *The picture shows ...; In the picture, I can see ...; There is/are ...; In the foreground/background, ...; On the left/right, ...*

Describing pictures

- 3** ★ Look at the picture and choose the correct words.

In the picture, I can see a **1) middle-aged/young** man with **2) long/short** dark hair. There's a lake – or maybe the sea in the background. I think the weather is dry and **3) mild/rainy**, because he's wearing light clothing – an orange T-shirt with a grey short-sleeved **4) anorak/hoody**. He's also carrying a small **5) suitcase/backpack**. He's probably just out walking for the day, because he doesn't have a tent with him. He's got a **6) glass/bottle** of water in his hand, so I think he has been hiking and now he's taking a **7) rest/photo**. He's smiling, so I think he's enjoying the **8) scenery/facilities**.



- 4** ★★ Look at the picture and complete the sentences.



- 1 This picture shows
 2 They are looking at
 3 In the background, there is
 4 The woman and the girls are wearing
 5 The man is wearing
 6 I think the weather is
 7 They are probably
 8 I imagine they are feeling

- 1** ★ Read the rubric and look at the underlined sections. Then read the model article. Does it cover all the points in the rubric?

A travel magazine for young people has asked readers to write an article about a city in their country that is popular with tourists. Write an article describing the city (120-150 words).

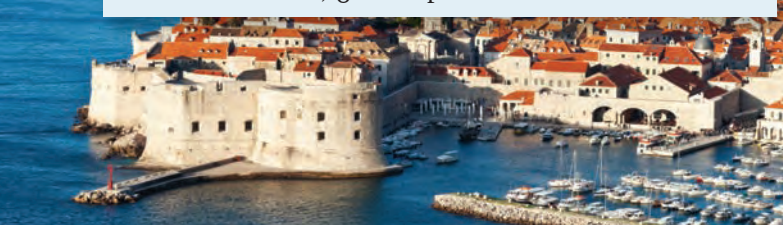
Croatia's Cool Coastal City

The Irish writer George Bernard Shaw said, "Those who seek paradise on Earth should come to Dubrovnik." This **1) old** Croatian city, with a population of around 42,000 people, is well worth a visit.

For those who love sightseeing, there are a lot of old churches and monasteries in Dubrovnik. Don't miss the **2) nice** views from the top of the city walls.

Why not take the cable car to the top of Mount Srd? You can also take a trip to the beach or a **3) nice** stroll through the Old Town. You might recognise the streets – the capital city in the famous TV show *Game of Thrones* is actually Dubrovnik. You can even go on a *Game of Thrones* tour for a very **4) good** price!

Dubrovnik is quickly becoming a popular tourist destination, thanks to its history, culture and beauty. So visit it soon for a **5) good** experience!



- 2** ★★ Replace the adjectives in bold (1-5) with: *reasonable, historic, spectacular, unique, relaxing*.

Capital letters & Punctuation

We use capital letters:

- to start a sentence (*Do you...*)
- with the personal pronoun I (*...and I love it.*)
- with names (*Martina Holmes, Valley School, Madrid, the Himalayas, Italy*)
- with days, months and nationalities (*Tuesday, May, Croatian*).

Punctuation

We use: • a full stop (.) at the end of a sentence (*...and leaves at 6.*) • a comma (,) to separate items (*I love Paris, Rome and Athens.*) • a question mark (?) at the end of a question (*Where is the nearest hotel?*) • an exclamation mark (!) at the end of a sentence to show strong feelings (*I don't believe it!; What a beautiful view!*).

- 3** ★ Capitalise and punctuate the sentences.

- 1 i am visiting my friend in scotland in december.
- 2 is the imperial ballet school in madrid
- 3 what a lovely november day
- 4 linda martin and sam are attending the meeting.
- 5 francesca is my spanish cousin
- 6 is mount everest in nepal

- 4** ★ Complete the spidergram with the ideas in the list.

- has something for every type of tourist, go in low season (Nov.-Mar.) to avoid crowds
- stroll across the Charles Bridge; take a boat ride on the Vitava River
- Prague Castle and other historic buildings; Franz Kafka's monument



- 5** ★★ Use the completed spidergram to write your article (120-150 words). Follow the plan. Start with this first paragraph.

In the words of Franz Kafka, the famous Czech writer, "Prague never lets you go." This city of 1.26 million people is the capital of the Czech Republic, and it is well worth a visit.

Plan

Introduction

(Para 1) *name, location, population*

Main Body

(Para 2) *what to see*

(Para 3) *what to do*

Conclusion

(Para 4) *comments/recommendation*

A Day in Plovdiv

Plovdiv, the second-largest city in Bulgaria, is said to be older than the ancient cities of Athens and Rome. Here, visitors can walk through thousands of years of history in one day, starting almost 2,000 years ago at the theatre built by the Romans. You can even see a live performance there!

Next, visit the Archaeological Museum in Saedinenie Square. It is home to 100,000 artefacts from the Bronze Age, the Greek and Roman Empires and medieval Bulgaria. Don't miss the huge Roman mosaic – it's incredible!

Head to the Old Town in the afternoon. Plovdiv's

Old Town dates from the 19th century, and today it is like an outdoor museum.

Some of the beautiful buildings are family homes, while others are artist's studios, art galleries and museums. You can spend hours wandering along cobbled streets, looking at the pretty gardens and amazing architecture.

Step into the modern world when the sun sets. Plovdiv has a great nightlife, with everything from crowded coffee houses and expensive restaurants to dance clubs that stay open all night! Visitors looking for some peace and quiet can climb one of Plovdiv's six hills for wonderful night-time views of the city.

With so much history in one place, visitors to Plovdiv can go on a journey through time, from the Bronze Age to the present day. It's no surprise that this enchanting city is one of travellers' favourite places to visit.



Reading

1

★ Read the text. Read statements 1-8 and decide whether they are *T* (true) or *F* (false).

- 1 Plovdiv is an ancient city.
- 2 The Roman theatre is still in use today.
- 3 The Archaeological Museum has 100,000 Bronze Age artefacts.
- 4 The Old Town is the largest museum in Bulgaria.
- 5 People still live in the Old Town today.
- 6 Plovdiv is very quiet at night.
- 7 Plovdiv's coffee houses are popular in the evening.
- 8 The writer understands why Plovdiv is so popular.

2

★★ Answer the questions.

- 1 When did the Romans build the theatre?
- 2 Where is the Archaeological Museum?
- 3 Why is the Old Town 'like an outdoor museum'?
- 4 What kind of tourist should go up one of the six hills at night?

3

★★ **THINK!** Answer the questions.

- 1 Why do you think Plovdiv is one of travellers' favourite places to visit?
- 2 What would you like to see/do in Plovdiv? Why?