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## On the bucket list

### READING

1 Complete the sentences with these pairs of words.

awe-inspiring / live up to expectations boom / freak out exotic / superb  
feature / have access to medieval / appeal to vast / incredible

- We've had a ..... in tourists since a celebrity came to live near here. They all ..... when they get near the house and start taking selfies.
- The advert described the water fall as an ..... sight, but I was disappointed. It didn't .....
- More and more adventure movies are filmed in ..... locations with ..... scenery.
- A tour of the ..... castle in the Old Town might not ..... children and teenagers.
- I love visiting places that ..... in my favourite films. To ..... these locations brings back all the best scenes.
- Watching the sunset over the ..... mountain peaks was an ..... sight.

2 Read the article on page 15 quickly. Which would be the best category for it?

- A travel tips
- B true-life stories
- C family and lifestyle

3 e Read the article again. Match the questions (1-10) with the teenagers (A-D).

Which teenager:

- hasn't told their parents that they don't want to go on the family holiday? .....
- complains of being bored during recent holidays? .....
- mentions a difficult relationship with someone near their age? .....
- received a very strong negative reaction to the idea of missing the family holiday? .....
- asks if they can stay with a relative over the summer? .....
- suggests their parents don't have confidence in their behaviour? .....
- refers to activities done to please others? .....
- wanted to earn some money during their holiday? .....
- mentions using technology to contact people when away from home? .....
- states that their parents haven't agreed on whether to accept their holiday plans. ....

### Extend

4 Find phrases in the article for these definitions. (Clue! All the answers contain the words *in* or *out*.)

- take part (introduction) .....
- choose not to do (something) (text A) .....
- don't include me (text A) .....
- makes arrangements for (text B) .....
- be about to experience something enjoyable (text B) .....
- asked if it's OK with (someone) (text B) .....
- relax (text C) .....
- undecided (text C) .....

5 Complete the conversation with the correct form of the phrases in Ex 4. There is one phrase you do not need.

A: I've been thinking about the summer and I wanted to ask you something.

B: Oh?

A: Well, I'd like someone of my own age to have fun and <sup>1</sup> ..... with. So how do you feel about <sup>2</sup> ..... with our family holiday?

B: Wow! I don't know what to say!

A: Well, we've booked an amazing house right on the beach. There's lots to do there, so if you came, you <sup>3</sup> .....

B: It sounds fantastic, but <sup>4</sup> ..... you ..... your parents yet?

A: Yes, and they're more than happy. They've agreed <sup>5</sup> ..... all your travel arrangements.

B: That is so kind. And of course I would love to, but my parents would never say yes. They like us to be together over the summer, so I can't <sup>6</sup> ..... of my family holiday, I'm afraid.

A: But I really want you to come. Listen, I won't <sup>7</sup> ..... straightaway. Just ask your mum and dad. You never know, they might say yes.

6  2.1 Listen and check your answers to Ex 5.

# Do I *have* to come with you?

Summer holidays are all about family time and sharing experiences. But what happens when one child in the family doesn't want to join in? We hear from four young people with different ideas for the perfect summer break.

## A Michelle, 16, USA

My parents own a small summer house on the New Jersey coast. We've been going there since I was a kid. I have amazing memories of swimming, fishing and camping on the beach there. But that's been my vacation: the same two weeks in August, the same destination. So this year, I thought to myself, 'Is there any way I can opt out of this?' In the last couple of years, the trip has been pretty tedious because it's tough finding fun things to do. So I took a deep breath and said to my mom, 'I was thinking of working over the summer, just to top up my allowance. So maybe count me out for the vacation.' I had no idea what was coming next. My mom freaked out. Her final words were, 'No way!' So, New Jersey here I come.



## B Lily, 17, UK

In our house, planning the family holiday is a two-person project. My dad sorts out the travel and accommodation, and mum plans the day-to-day activities. She tries to come up with things that will appeal to everyone but that's tricky. I'm the eldest at seventeen, but there's quite a gap between me and my sister, who's thirteen, and my brother, who's just seven. Last year, I found myself at a space museum to keep my brother smiling and a farm for my animal-mad sister! This year I'm hoping to be in for a treat. My best friend has invited me to spend a fortnight in Greece with her parents. She's an only child and so needs someone of her own age to go away with. The only problem is I haven't checked it out with my family yet. I'm trying to pick the right moment ...



## C Ritchie, 15, USA

Usually, it's just mom, dad, my sister and me on vacation together, and that's always worked pretty well. This year, my aunt Ellen and her family are joining us from Canada. The plan is to rent a place for both families to chill out together. The problem is that time with Ellen is anything but relaxing. She's competitive and bossy. She's always comparing my sister and me with her kids. And I have never gotten along too well with my cousins, even though we're all in our teens. Today Ellen emailed over a list of chores for the rented house. Week one, I do the dishes and take out the garbage. When I saw the list, I said to dad, 'You call this a vacation? Can I please go to grandma's instead?' Dad said yes and mom said maybe so things are still up in the air.



## D Ed, 13, UK

I get on well with my family when we're away, but I miss my friends. We message each other all the time but it's not the same. Last year my friend, Adam, went to an activity camp. He posted all the different things he was getting up to. Cool stuff like kite-surfing and canoeing, as well as team sports and days out. I showed mum and dad all his posts in the hope they would let me go too. All they said was, 'Maybe when you're older.' I mentioned it again last week, but I'm still not allowed to go. My parents are convinced I'm too young to be away without them. Maybe they think I'll do something stupid. So now Adam is off to the camp again. It's so unfair.



# GRAMMAR

## past tenses

1 Complete the sentences with the correct ending (A or B).

- 1 I first went abroad
  - A twice already this year.
  - B two years ago, when I was thirteen.
- 2 While I was taking a selfie,
  - A a girl suddenly put her face in the picture.
  - B a girl was putting her face in the picture.
- 3 He didn't really join in. He
  - A was always playing computer games instead of enjoying the trip.
  - B 's been playing computer games instead of enjoying the trip.
- 4 We were going to get tickets for the water park
  - A and it was great fun.
  - B but it was closed on Sunday.
- 5 Dad was due to join us for the second week
  - A but he was ill and couldn't make it.
  - B and he loved the area too.
- 6 There was no one to help us. We got to the hotel after midnight and
  - A the receptionist went home.
  - B the receptionist had already gone home.
- 7 I was happy, but really tired after
  - A we've been exploring the city all day.
  - B we'd been exploring the city all day.

2 Complete the sentences with the past form of these verbs.

going to + skype / be read / miss / have to swim / step  
take off / wait used + spend / would + collect walk / crash

- 1 We ..... along the beach when suddenly a huge wave ..... over the rocks.
- 2 By the time the plane actually ....., we ..... on the runway for an hour.
- 3 I ..... home, but the signal in the hostel ..... hopeless.
- 4 My sister ..... already ..... out to the rock by the time I ..... into the water.
- 5 I ..... on the bus, so I ..... my stop and ..... walk 5 km back to the campsite.
- 6 As I young child, I ..... a week with my aunt and uncle near the coast. I ..... shells and stones from our walks along the beach.

3 Find two sentences in which 'would' can replace 'used to'.

- 1 I look really different from my passport picture. I used to have long hair.
- 2 We used to build a campfire every night and tell ghost stories.
- 3 We have a house on the mainland now, but we used to live on a small island.
- 4 My family and all our cousins used to stay in a big farmhouse every summer.
- 5 My aunt has been all over Europe. She used to work as a tour guide.

4 Match the sentence halves (1–6) with (A–F).

- 1 I used to be petrified of flying,
  - 2 We couldn't believe how crowded the Tokyo underground was,
  - 3 My friend doesn't want to come on the adventure holiday,
  - 4 I hated the cold showers at the campsite at first,
  - 5 I couldn't eat the first curry I tried in Thailand,
  - 6 The tourist season used to finish in September,
- A as she isn't used to cycling long distances.  
B but I'm not so scared of it now.  
C as I'm not used to eating spicy food.  
D but I got used to them quite quickly.  
E but people seem to travel all year now.  
F but we're getting used to it now.

5 Complete the chatroom posts with the correct form of the verbs. Use short forms where possible.

**Ali**
Add message | Report

I <sup>1</sup> ..... (go) to Croatia last month to stay with a girl I met online, Nika. I <sup>2</sup> ..... (never/travel) abroad without my parents before and I really <sup>3</sup> ..... (miss) them. Nika and I <sup>4</sup> ..... (not/get on) from Day 1. It was strange because we <sup>5</sup> ..... (write) to each other for ages and we seemed to like the same things. I <sup>6</sup> ..... (be due/stay) three weeks and I lasted only one! 😞

**Tanya**
Add message | Report

Last summer holidays I <sup>7</sup> ..... (go/have) a week in Boston with my best friend's family. I <sup>8</sup> ..... (look forward) to it for ages, but then suddenly my parents said no. They <sup>9</sup> ..... (used/have) us all together over the summer. I <sup>10</sup> ..... (already/make) loads of holiday plans, but dad <sup>11</sup> ..... (not think) it was fair on my brother! 😞

# VOCABULARY


## travel anecdotes and apps

1 Complete the conversations with the correct form of a phrasal verb with 'up'.

- 1 A: Where are you going all ..... like that? You normally wear jeans and a hoodie.  
 B: We're going to a wedding. I begged my mum to let me wear jeans, but she said we had to ..... everyone's expectations and look smart.
- 2 A: Have you seen this competition for the trip of a lifetime?  
 B: No, what do you have to do?  
 A: ..... a slogan to go with this travel ad.  
 B: But the place in the picture looks really ordinary. It (not) ..... the idea of luxury or adventure.
- 3 A: Did you persuade your parents to let you go to the music festival?  
 B: I tried several times, but they said no, so I ..... in the end.  
 A: So what will you do?  
 B: I ..... probably ..... watching it online.

2 Choose the correct answers to complete the sentences.

- 1 He's ..... the ..... because he's just got A-grades in all his exams. (moon, over, above, planet)
- 2 I can't wait to go round the world. Travel is so ..... on the ..... of things I want to do. (timetable, high, important, list)
- 3 Hearing the match had been cancelled left us all feeling ..... in the ..... (low, down, rubbish, dumps)
- 4 We'd never heard such amazing guitar playing from a young kid. We were just ..... by his talent. (exploded, away, blown, up)
- 5 As soon as I saw the new phone, I ..... in ..... with it. I knew I had to have it – and soon! (dropped, like, love, fell)
- 6 Changing colleges was one of the hardest things I've ever done. I didn't know where to go or who to make friends with, but slowly I've ..... into the ..... of things. (swing, got, balance, become)

3  2.2 Listen to six people answering questions. Complete the questions they are answering with the idioms from Ex 2.

- 1 Why are you so ..... ?  
 2 What made you ..... it?  
 3 How long did it take ..... ?  
 4 What was it about their performance that ..... ?  
 5 What's happened to make you ..... ?  
 6 What's ..... for the summer holiday?

4 Complete the extracts from an article on holidays. For each gap, use a word from A and a word from B.

A cheap extremely make (x2) package

B helpful reservations sure tours travel


### Holiday highs and lows



I was planning a trip earlier this year. I'm a student without much money, so I was over the moon to come across an app for <sup>1</sup> ..... With World4less you can <sup>2</sup> ..... for flights and accommodation of course, but the app is for people under eighteen, so the holidays and <sup>3</sup> ..... are to places that appeal to younger people. The app is constantly checking prices so you can <sup>4</sup> ..... you're getting the best deal. It was <sup>5</sup> ..... in saving me time and money.

A enter improve keeps takes travelling


B all the details a record light my travel experience such a long time

I'm hopeless at <sup>6</sup> ..... I always pack at least two big suitcases. It drives my dad mad because  it <sup>7</sup> ..... to collect my luggage after a flight. Imagine how I felt when we arrived in the south of Spain last month, but my bags ended up in South Africa! It was a nightmare filling in the lost luggage forms. You had to <sup>8</sup> ..... of what was in the bags in three different forms. How am I supposed to remember? Who <sup>9</sup> ..... of what they put in their suitcase the night before? Maybe taking just a backpack would <sup>10</sup> ..... !



## 2 On the bucket list

# LISTENING

1  2.3 Listen to a young person talking about a book club. Match the book titles (1–4) with the places (A–F). There are two places you do not need.

- |             |                                 |
|-------------|---------------------------------|
| A Zimbabwe  | 1 Life of Pi .....              |
| B Australia | 2 The Old Man and the Sea ..... |
| C Spain     | 3 First Light .....             |
| D Cuba      | 4 The Shadow of the Wind .....  |
| E India     |                                 |
| F Greenland |                                 |

2  2.4 Read the questions and underline the key words. Listen again and choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

- 1 What does Samira say about the majority of reading lists?  
A They appear on too many websites.  
B They are based on age or topic.  
C They have books for people of all ages.
- 2 What does Samira say about the books in her reading list?  
A They are all based in different locations.  
B They all have travel as their main topic.  
C They are suitable for holiday reading.
- 3 Samira's group selected the order of books on their list by  
A alphabetical order.  
B geographical location.  
C group and personal choice.
- 4 What does Samira say about *Life of Pi* and *The Old Man and The Sea*?  
A They are both very exciting stories.  
B They weren't equally popular with the group.  
C They both feature people and wildlife.
- 5 When asked about the book *First Light*, Samira says  
A she wants to avoid telling people too much about the story.  
B she didn't like the characters or the story very much.  
C she's already been to the place where the book is set.
- 6 Why was *The Shadow of the Wind* Samira's favourite book?  
A It wasn't as long as some of the other books.  
B It helped her with her language skills.  
C The story was very extremely exciting.
- 7 For Samira, what's the most important thing about her reading list?  
A You can read books in different languages.  
B You can find out about locations around the world.  
C You can see the world through other people's eyes.



## Extend

3 Choose the correct words to complete the phrases.

- 1 be taken to the far **areas** / **corners** of the globe
- 2 go on a round-the-world **excursion** / **trip**
- 3 **pack** / **put** a suitcase
- 4 be a great **beginning** / **starting point**
- 5 join somebody on an **expedition** / **experiment**
- 6 **have** / **get** adventures
- 7 get a **globe** / **global view**

4 Complete the conversation with the correct form of the phrases from Ex 3.

A: Oh, I'm bored. I wish we could just

- 1 ..... with enough stuff for a month, get on a plane and start
- 2 ..... somewhere exciting.

B: I know. I'd love to travel more. Wouldn't it be brilliant

- 3 ..... on a
- 4 ....., visiting every country on the planet?

A: Oh, that's my dream! You know where would

- 5 .....? The Arctic.

B: The Arctic? You'd begin your journey of a lifetime in snow and ice?

A: Absolutely. It's just so different. Imagine

- 6 ..... scientists ..... to find out all about the area. There's an international research station there, so you'd really
- 7 ..... by meeting people of different nationalities.

B: Hmm, I was thinking more of surfing in Australia!


# USE OF ENGLISH 1

**1** Find and correct six mistakes in the sentences. Tick any sentences that are correct.

- 1 I'll never forget sitting round the fire with the moon shining down on us.
- 2 That was an airline that lost all our luggage.
- 3 Where's best place you've ever visited?
- 4 You find out so much about a place if you explore on the foot.
- 5 The travel apps we bought weren't particularly helpful.
- 6 New York's Fifth Avenue is the perfect destination for shoppers.
- 7 Have you ever been to Netherlands?
- 8 I love the travel. I wish I could go abroad more often.
- 9 We stood for ages listening to a street musician playing the guitar.
- 10 It's great to get away for the weekend once in the while.

**2** Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 Travel is no longer just for a / an / the / – wealthy. Access to a / an / the / – other countries is open to nearly everyone..
- 2 The guide offered a / an / the / – bus or a / an / the / – walking tour. I'm glad we chose a / an / the / – walking tour. We saw so much.
- 3 Working in a / an / the / – travel industry, my brother goes abroad several times a / an / the / – month.
- 4 Diego is a / an / the / – boy I was telling you about. He's a / an / the / – tutor at the sports camp we stayed at.
- 5 A / An / The / – Swiss are known for producing some of a / an / the / – best chocolate.
- 6 I've tried skiing a / an / the / – couple of times, but I don't think I'll ever be good enough to ski in a / an / the / – Alps.

**3**  **2.5** Complete the travel announcements with 'a', 'an', 'the' or zero article (-). Then listen and check your answers.

- 1 Ladies and gentlemen, we have just landed at ..... Pulkovo Airport in ..... St Petersburg, where ..... local time is 20:30 and ..... temperature is 6°C. We hope you have enjoyed your flight with ..... International Airlines and we wish you ..... very safe journey to your final destination.
- 2 ..... train on ..... platform one is ..... 8.22 service to ..... York. ..... train is made up of six coaches. .... first coach, coach A, is for ..... first-class ticket holders only.
- 3 This is ..... security announcement. Please do not leave ..... luggage unattended in ..... station at any time. .... left-luggage facility is located on level two. .... facility is open twenty-four hours a day.

**4 e** Complete the article with 'a', 'an', 'the' or zero article (-).

## TRAVEL: MAKING PASSPORTS PRETTY



The majority of passports are in fairly conservative colours: dark blue, burgundy or black. But now <sup>1</sup>..... Scandinavians have rejected that tradition and have made their passports pretty.

Norway's latest passports have <sup>2</sup>..... range of brightly-coloured covers: white, turquoise or red. <sup>3</sup>..... Oslo design studio won <sup>4</sup>..... competition to redesign the document. They took as their inspiration <sup>5</sup>..... 'Norwegian Landscapes'. And they hid <sup>6</sup>..... secret inside. If you put a page of <sup>7</sup>..... passport under ultraviolet light, the landscape changes and <sup>8</sup>..... Northern Lights suddenly appear.

The Finnish passport also reveals a playful love of <sup>9</sup>..... design. It features <sup>10</sup>..... moose on the bottom of each page. If you're feeling bored while waiting for your flight, flip the pages quickly and watch <sup>11</sup>..... animal stroll across the passport.

Are these <sup>12</sup>..... coolest passports ever? Possibly. But one thing is certain. They will bring <sup>13</sup>..... smile to their owners as they travel around <sup>14</sup>..... world. And maybe even to <sup>15</sup>..... airport security officer at passport control. Now that would be a pretty sight.



# USE OF ENGLISH 2

1 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 Global **heating / warming** is an enormous international challenge. It is thought to be the cause of a number of natural **disasters / disastrous**.
- 2 Many iconic sites such as the Great Wall of China are struggling to cope **from / with** the effects of mass **tourists / tourism**.
- 3 Litter can cause severe **damage / wrong** to the environment and **get / have** a huge impact on wildlife, so **remember / think** twice before you drop an empty packet or bottle.
- 4 I finally **achieved / succeeded** my goal of running a marathon **in / on** my third attempt.
- 5 **To / At** the first sign of bad weather, turn back. It's **none / no** use putting yourself in danger.

2 Replace the highlighted text with these words or phrases.

collapsing   done a lot of harm   foreign visitors  
make a living   quality of life   run into problems  
taking such a risk   tourist season


A report has shown that a number of houses along the British coast are in danger of <sup>1</sup>falling into the sea. Severe storms have <sup>2</sup>created damage to the rocks which has resulted in coastal erosion in several areas. At the time most owners bought their dream house by the sea, they didn't realise they were <sup>3</sup>putting themselves in so much danger.

The <sup>4</sup>period for visitors in many cities has extended beyond just the summer with <sup>5</sup>people from abroad flocking to major capitals across the whole year. This allows more local people to <sup>6</sup>earn money from tourism, but also puts their city under pressure. Many places have <sup>7</sup>had difficulties balancing the need for local housing and building new tourist accommodation. Some locals complain that such high levels of tourism affects their <sup>8</sup>general wellbeing.

## Extend

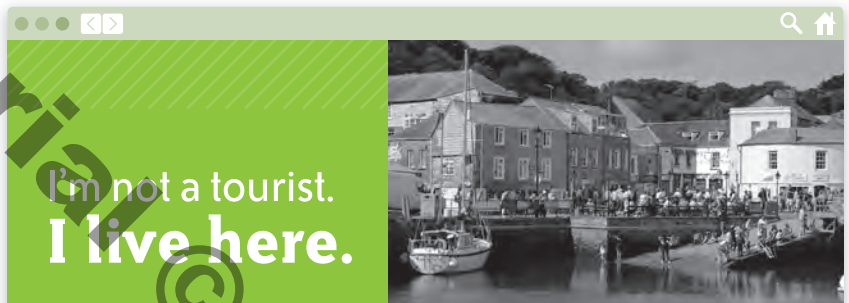
3 Which preposition fits with the words/phrases in each set?

- 1 deal / cope / disagree .....
- 2 congratulate / decide / concentrate .....
- 3 be scared / ashamed / afraid .....
- 4 ask / pay / prepare .....
- 5 complain / care / worry .....

4  2.6 Listen to five short recordings. Complete the sentences with the correct verb and preposition from Ex 3.

- 1 The man forgot ..... his food.
- 2 The boy ..... the rollercoaster.
- 3 The girl ..... her sister about their packing.
- 4 The woman said she ..... sharks.
- 5 The family couldn't ..... what to do for the day.

5 **e** Read the blog post and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.



I'm not a tourist.  
I live here.

My family has lived on the coast of Cornwall in south-west England for generations. My grandfather was a fisherman, taking <sup>1</sup>..... out on the sea every day to make a living. Once the main local employer, the fishing industry <sup>2</sup>..... problems and has now been partly replaced by tourism. Although not top of the list for many <sup>3</sup>..... visitors, Cornwall attracts thousands of UK holidaymakers every year. Of course, they <sup>4</sup>..... money to the area, but they can also <sup>5</sup>..... a lot of harm to the local environment. Many people argue that tourism <sup>6</sup>..... jobs and this is true, up to a point. However, much of the employment lasts only for the main tourist season, not the whole year. For many small communities, a change in population also has a <sup>7</sup>..... impact on their identity. People from outside Cornwall have bought second homes to stay in over the summer. This affects the locals' quality of <sup>8</sup>..... – our community is packed with tourists in summer, but like a ghost town in winter.


- |                |            |               |               |
|----------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1 A adventures | B risks    | C dangers     | D problems    |
| 2 A ran over   | B ran onto | C ran through | D ran into    |
| 3 A foreign    | B exotic   | C national    | D local       |
| 4 A bring into | B bring up | C bring in    | D bring about |
| 5 A take       | B make     | C get         | D do          |
| 6 A provides   | B employs  | C contributes | D gives       |
| 7 A wide       | B huge     | C large       | D vast        |
| 8 A livelihood | B life     | C lifestyle   | D living      |


# SPEAKING

1 Match the questions (1–8) with the topic areas (A–D). There are two questions for each topic area.

- 1 What do you usually do at weekends? .....
- 2 Do you enjoy camping? .....
- 3 How do you get to school every day? .....
- 4 Where do you think you will be this time next year? .....
- 5 Who do you live with? .....
- 6 Can you play a musical instrument or sing? .....
- 7 Which country have you visited that you liked most? .....
- 8 What would your ideal job be? .....

- A future plans
- B home and daily routine
- C free time and entertainment
- D holidays and travel

2  2.7 Listen to four students talking. Which question in Ex 1 do they answer?

3  2.8 Listen again and match the students (1–4) with the descriptions (A–D).

- |  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| A gave a good answer with a personal example               | 1 Student 1 ..... |
| B wasn't very polite when asking for clarification         | 2 Student 2 ..... |
| C gave a very short answer with no interesting information | 3 Student 3 ..... |
| D gave a good answer with a reason for their opinion       | 4 Student 4 ..... |


4 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences. Which questions in Ex 1 do the sentences answer?


- 1 I do something active **like** / **as** swimming or going for a run **before** / **because** I don't have much time for sport in the week.
- 2 I think I'd say Canada. I had a skiing holiday there, which was great for me **that** / **as** I love winter sports.
- 3 I cycle most days, but I sometimes get a lift with my friend's mum, **for** / **by** example when it's raining or when I have a lot to carry.
- 4 I enjoy working with my hands and I love fashion, **since** / **so** it would be something that uses those skills, **such as** / **so as** a clothes designer.

5 Complete the useful phrases with these words. There are two words you do not need.

because catch honest repeating say sure (x2)  
to repeat true used

- 1 I'm sorry, I didn't quite ..... that.
- 2 Would you mind ..... that?
- 3 Sorry, can you ..... that again, please?
- 4 That's an interesting question. I'm not really ..... of the answer, but I think I'd say flying is the best way to travel.
- 5 To be ....., I've never been abroad, but I'd like to go to New Zealand because my favourite movie was filmed there.
- 6 I ..... to love just playing on the beach, but now I prefer spending time in cities.
- 7 I'm not really ..... which school I'll be at, but I'll still be studying English.

6  2.9 Listen and mark the main stresses in the sentences in Ex 5.

7  2.10 Listen and answer the questions. Record and check your answers using the list below. Try again if you need to improve on anything.

Have you:

- used vocabulary that is relevant to each question?
- given interesting answers, but not repeated the whole question?
- given reasons for your answers?
- given examples to support your answers?



# WRITING

### an article

- 1 Do you know how to write a good article? Try the quiz and find out.

## Get writing right! ✓

### 1 What's the main aim of an article?

inform  entertain  both

### 2 Tick ✓ the things you'd expect to find in a good article.

very formal or technical language	<input type="checkbox"/>
an eye-catching title	<input type="checkbox"/>
a maximum of two paragraphs	<input type="checkbox"/>
questions that address the reader directly	<input type="checkbox"/>
lively, colourful language	<input type="checkbox"/>
an interesting conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/>
a personal example or anecdote	<input type="checkbox"/>
a new paragraph for each topic / event	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 2 Join each pair of sentences using the linker or time expression. Make any necessary tense and punctuation changes.

- We finally found a space on the beach. The sun went in. (after)
- I found my ticket. The inspector made me pay again. (by the time)
- We reached the coast. We ran into the sea. (as soon as)
- I was trying to find my friend. I suddenly spotted her across the square. (before)
- We had a few arguments. We still had a great time. (even though)
- She didn't get back until late. Her flight was delayed. (because)
- My brother wasn't well on the last day. We cancelled the trip. (so)
- It was such a fantastic place. We've booked to go there again. (since)

- 3 Look at the titles for articles. Which title would make you want to read the article? Why?

- All about my summer holiday
- I didn't enjoy myself
- My dream holiday turned nightmare

- 4 Which paragraph makes a more interesting introduction to an article about a holiday? Why?

A We were all delighted when my family won a road trip across the USA. I thought it was going to be a great holiday, but we had quite a few problems.

B Have you ever heard the expression 'the trip of a lifetime'? That's what I thought I was getting when my family won a road trip across the USA. However, it didn't quite live up to expectations. Here's why.

- 5 Choose the most interesting language to complete the text.

We were <sup>1</sup>driving / cruising along the motorway – or freeway as they call it – in the <sup>2</sup>hot / burning sun when suddenly my phone <sup>3</sup>flew / dropped out of my hand and <sup>4</sup>fell / crashed onto the road. 'Dad! My phone!' I <sup>5</sup>said / shouted. Dad <sup>6</sup>hit the brakes / stopped and <sup>7</sup>jumped / got out of the car. By the time he got back, we could hear the police car <sup>8</sup>coming / speeding up behind us. 'Sir, do you know it's illegal to stop on the freeway?' the officer asked.

- 6 Which conclusion would finish the article better? Why?

A Taking everything into account, it was still an amazing trip. After all, you need a few negatives to help you appreciate the positives.

B In my view, the officer wasn't very nice to us and so I won't go back to the US.

- 7 **e** You have seen this announcement on an English-language website. Write your article in 140–190 words, using an appropriate style.

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# UNIT CHECK

**1** Choose the correct words to complete the conversation.

**A:** Oh, so you're back then.

**B:** Yes and I <sup>1</sup>had / <sup>2</sup>'d had a great time in Florida. I <sup>3</sup>was about / <sup>4</sup>'d wanted to go there for ages.

**A:** That's good. But how come you <sup>5</sup>weren't messaging / <sup>6</sup>didn't message me? I <sup>7</sup>saw / <sup>8</sup>was seeing the pictures you posted, but we <sup>9</sup>were going / <sup>10</sup>were thinking to keep in touch by phone.

**B:** Yeah, sorry. We <sup>11</sup>just did / <sup>12</sup>were just doing different things all the time. Plus I wasn't allowed to keep texting all the time. I <sup>13</sup>was always getting / <sup>14</sup>always got into trouble for staring at my phone!

**A:** So <sup>15</sup>did you make / <sup>16</sup>had you made any new friends? I saw some people in your pictures that I didn't recognise.

**B:** I <sup>17</sup>met / <sup>18</sup>'ve met this American kid at one of the theme parks. One day, we <sup>19</sup>had / <sup>20</sup>were having lunch at a pizza place when he <sup>21</sup>invited / <sup>22</sup>'d invited me to stay at his house – next summer some time. How good is that?

**A:** What happened to our idea of going to an adventure camp next year? We <sup>23</sup>d been planning / <sup>24</sup>used to plan that for ages. You <sup>25</sup>used to / <sup>26</sup>would be such a good friend and now it's all about this American kid!

**B:** We are still friends! I just have one new friend. Why can't you <sup>27</sup>used to / <sup>28</sup>get used to that?

**2** Complete the sentences with 'a', 'an', 'the' or zero article (-).

- To help the environment, you should take ..... international flight only once ..... year.
- ..... most enjoyable holidays are those without ..... adults.
- In general, I think ..... boys are better at travelling light than ..... girls.
- If you don't explore ..... city on ..... foot, you miss ..... best parts of ..... place.
- ..... destination doesn't become more interesting if ..... rich and famous go there.
- ..... dream holiday for me has to include lying on ..... beach in ..... sunshine.
- When going abroad, you should try to speak ..... little of ..... local language.
- That's ..... beach we used to play on when we were ..... children.

**3** Complete the conversations with an idiom from A and a phrasal verb from B. There is one answer you do not need in each group.

**A** blown away by down in the dumps high on my list  
into the swing of things over the moon

**B** conjure up dress up give up live up to think up

**1 A:** Have you heard about Lisa? She's really .....  
..... about losing the match.

**B:** I know. Let's try and ..... a way  
of making her feel better.

**2 A:** Why didn't you download their latest song?

**B:** I really wanted to like it. I was so .....  
..... their first song, but this one just didn't  
..... my expectations.

**3 A:** Why did you decide to .....  
the dance class?

**B:** Oh, I wasn't making any progress and was starting to feel it was  
a bit too much.

**A:** Oh, please come back. You'll soon get .....  
..... again.

**4 A:** Are you going to Kim's party? She wants everyone to come as  
their favourite film character.

**B:** Oh, do we have to .....? That sort of party isn't  
very .....

**4** Replace the highlighted text with these phrases.

a few everyday words cause severe damage to have an impact on  
have fun Keep a record of run into tan easily Think twice

## Travel Tips

Follow a few simple rules to help  
you <sup>1</sup>enjoy yourself and stay  
healthy and safe.

- > <sup>2</sup>Write down your passport number and any other important information in a separate file.
- > Find out who to contact if you <sup>3</sup>have problems – the hotel, your travel agent, a doctor or even the police.
- > Be careful in the sun. Prolonged exposure can <sup>4</sup>badly harm the skin, even if you <sup>5</sup>go brown quickly.
- > Even if you don't speak the local language well, learn <sup>6</sup>some basic vocabulary so that you can say hello, goodbye and thank you.
- > Respect the quality of life of the local people and wildlife. Your actions <sup>7</sup>affect them.