

Vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences with a suitable word.

- We're planning to stay in a typical Swiss _____ in the Alps.
- Millions of tourists _____ to Spain's coastal resorts every year.
- The typical British _____ travels abroad at least once every two years.
- The local people are very _____ and enjoy meeting tourists.
- The Giza pyramid is a _____ of ancient Egyptian architecture.
- Most cruise ships employ a professional _____ to entertain the passengers.
- The dry leaves made a _____ sound in the wind.
- I am a typical actor. I always _____ constant attention from others.
- A _____ is an animal that hunts and kills other animals.
- The Amazon jungle has a _____ of rare and unique plants not found anywhere else in the world.

Marks: __ /10

2 Complete the email.

Hi Robert,

I'm writing to find out if on the off ¹_____ you have seen Tom's proposal for our holiday this summer. Just between you and me, and strictly off the ²_____, I think it's a ³_____ plan! It's typical of Tom, always thinking on the ⁴_____ and coming up with mad, off the ⁵_____ ideas. Do you think people really want to go on a walking holiday in the desert, in August? I'm not an expert in ⁶_____, but surely temperatures ⁷_____ 50 degrees in the summer. We must get Tom to think of another plan, that's if we can get hold of him. He's always on the ⁸_____, rushing around here, there and everywhere. I'd much rather be ⁹_____ and stay in an ¹⁰_____ five-star hotel with a swimming pool than trek across the desert. What do you think?

James

Marks: __ /10

Reading

3 Read the text. Are the sentences true or false?

China travelling

With China's rising wealth a multitude of new Chinese holidaymakers have been getting to know their vast country over the past decade. Rising incomes and a more liberal regulation of the tourism and travel industries on the part of the government, have led to a sharp increase in the number of Chinese holidaymakers travelling abroad too. It is predicted that the Chinese outbound market will be the fastest growing segment in the next 15 years and may surpass 110 million trips a year by 2020. Currently Chinese nationals can obtain visas to over 80 countries worldwide and this is likely to increase in the coming decade.

For overseas tourists, China has long been an attractive destination due to its rich cultural and historical attractions and diverse natural landscapes. The rise of the country's great modern cities offering prime leisure opportunities and luxury five-star hotels also attracts business travellers and international conference business. China's ability to host global events such as the Beijing Olympics in 2008, and the World Expo in Shanghai in 2010, has led to major developments in travel and tourism infrastructure and subsequent interest in China as a destination. The World Trade Organization predicts that China will become the world's most popular tourist destination by 2020.

- More Chinese people are taking off national holiday days.
- The government has made it easier to travel abroad.
- Soon Chinese people will be able to visit over 80 countries.
- The first five-star hotels in China were built for the Olympics.
- China is likely to become the major tourist destination.

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4 Read the text again and answer the questions with a complete sentence.

- Why is there increased outbound Chinese tourism?

- What will be the fastest growing area in Chinese tourism in the short-term future?

- Why can the Chinese travel overseas extensively?

- What makes China appealing to the foreign tourist?

- How has China become appealing for international conferences?

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Grammar

5 Complete the sentences with the present simple or continuous form of the verbs. Use some verbs twice.

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- 1 My sister rang to say she _____ a great time on the school trip to Paris.
- 2 The manager _____ that it's a good idea to ask a comedian to entertain the guests.
- 3 I _____ a bit tired at the moment. Let's meet up later this afternoon.
- 4 I'm not keen on the beach. Given the choice, I _____ going to the mountains.
- 5 The sandwiches from the new vending machine _____ delicious.
- 6 I don't think this perfume _____ very nice.
- 7 I _____ of going to see the match this weekend. Do you want to come along?
- 8 Juliet _____ to be very happy at her new school, though I'm sure she's missing us.
- 9 One day, when I get a good job, I'd like to _____ a sports car.
- 10 I _____ serious doubts as to whether a holiday on a cruise liner will be much fun.

Marks: __ /10

6 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

- 1 British tourists are flocked to the Spanish coast ever since the 1960s. _____
- 2 Today teenagers are used the internet more to help them do their homework. _____
- 3 Future space travel has gradually turning into reality with the development of passenger shuttle rockets. _____
- 4 Food prices rise sharply in the last quarter of the twentieth century. _____
- 5 Many air passengers were not conscious of the cost to the environment of their flights but this is start to change. _____
- 6 Up until the recent recession travel on low-cost airlines was become increasingly popular. _____
- 7 Sales in music CDs have falling dramatically in this age where you can download music from the internet. _____
- 8 We're see two new major trends in youth fashion at the moment. _____
- 9 Inter-continental travel by train is been increasing considerably in recent times. _____
- 10 Many restaurants are not responding to a growing need for special diets, but by the 1990s this changed with vegetarian choices becoming widely available. _____

Marks: __ /10

Language skills

7 Complete the dialogue.

- Dan How was your holiday?
- Tom I went with my parents to stay in a caravan near the Grampian Lake.
- Dan How idyllic! The sun ¹ _____ on the calm waters, leaves ² _____ in the wind ...
- Tom Actually, it was ³ _____. Have you ever stayed in a caravan in the rain? It's a constant ⁴ _____, just like coins being dropped on a tin.
- Dan Well, I guess the countryside must have been nice? Green?
- Tom No, it's so ⁵ _____, there isn't a tree or building for miles. Anyway, where did you go?
- Dan A six- ⁶ _____ hotel in Dubai. Everything was really ⁷ _____, fit for a king.
- Tom Wow, that was ⁸ _____! How much did that cost?
- Dan Nothing. We were invited to stay with some friends of the family. They're going to Switzerland soon. I'd love to stay in a typical ⁹ _____ with an amazing ¹⁰ _____ point of the beautiful mountains.

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8 Complete the mini-dialogues.

- Dialogue 1
- A ¹ _____?
- B It was fantastic. I've never been on a safari before.
- A ² _____?
- B We saw lots of wild animals and met some local people.
- A ³ _____?
- B They were really hospitable, though they never miss an opportunity to try to sell you something.

- Dialogue 2
- A Would you like to stay in a seven-star hotel?
- B ⁴ _____.
- A So would I, but ⁵ _____, do you? We're not millionaires.

Marks: __ /10

Writing

9 Write a persuasive essay on the benefits of spending holidays in the countryside or in the mountains. Write 200 words and organize your writing into four paragraphs:

- Write about your general opinion.
- Present your main argument.
- Write a supporting argument.
- Conclude your essay.

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TOTAL: __ /100