

# Unit 5 Travel

## 5a Business or pleasure?

### Reading a travel journalist

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Boyd Matson is one of the great travel journalists of our day. I've been a big fan of his work for years and I've "traveled" to many places through his reports, radio shows, and news-columns. No stranger to adventure, Matson has suffered dehydration, broken bones, snakebite, and countless other troubles on his trips—and usually comes up laughing. For the past two years, his highly popular column *Unbound* has appeared in *National Geographic Traveler* magazine.

#### What is it about travel that you love?

I've been addicted to travel since I was a kid. I read a book about Chinese political leaders and a book about a missionary's experience in New Guinea. I thought, I want to go to China and New Guinea to see what they're like for myself.

- 1 Probably a third of the time. When I worked for NBC News years ago, I traveled half the time or more. I was single then! Now I'm married with a family.
- 2 My kids have helped me to open my eyes and see things from a fresh angle. When my kids were younger, I gave one of them a camera and one a video camera. It was fun to compare their shots to my own and see how they saw things in a slightly different way.
- 3 I'm optimistic that people increasingly are aware that we have to do something, and I've seen small changes. Unfortunately, I've also seen places with serious damage. I've been to iconic, internationally famous spots where, just out of sight, they are dumping all the trash the tourists have left behind.
- 4 One of the greatest experiences of my life was the trip to Khumbu Icefall on Mount Everest. Unfortunately, while we were there, the best-known Sherpa climber in the world was killed. It shows that while travel is a lot of fun, there are risks involved sometimes. You have to be careful but enjoy it while you're there.
- 5 I want to go to new places in a way that gives me a better experience, not to go as an observer but as a participant. So I guess that is my philosophy of travel: Get off the tour bus.

1 Write the number of the paragraph (1–5) next to the question.

- a Do you think we can avoid doing long-term damage to some of the great travel destinations?
- b What is your most memorable travel experience?
- c What have you learned from traveling with your children?
- d How much time do you spend on the road in a typical year?
- e What is your travel philosophy?

2 Read the interview again. Choose the correct option or options (a–c).

- 1 Boyd Matson travels \_\_\_\_\_.  
a in his work    b for pleasure  
c for family reasons
- 2 He became interested in traveling \_\_\_\_\_.  
a a long time ago    b recently  
c when he worked for NBC News
- 3 He thinks that travel is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a dangerous    b fun    c risky
- 4 When traveling, he prefers to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a experience new things  
b observe people  
c take part in things

### Grammar present perfect and simple past

3 Look at the time expressions and complete the sentences about Boyd Matson with the present perfect and simple past form of the verbs.

- 1 Boyd Matson \_\_\_\_\_ (work) for National Geographic for years.
- 2 He \_\_\_\_\_ (write) hundreds of articles in his career.
- 3 He \_\_\_\_\_ (take) his kids to Machu Picchu a few years ago.
- 4 He \_\_\_\_\_ (not / have) any life-threatening experiences so far.
- 5 He \_\_\_\_\_ (have) an interesting time in Morocco last summer.
- 6 He \_\_\_\_\_ (be) on a working trip to Egypt this month.

# 5b Where to go, what to do there

## Vocabulary vacation destinations

1 Complete the sentences from a travel agent's website with these words.

busy crowded exotic peaceful relaxing  
remote safe tropical unspoiled vibrant

- 1 Explore the \_\_\_\_\_ streets and \_\_\_\_\_ markets of this \_\_\_\_\_ city.
- 2 Get away from it all on a luxury break in \_\_\_\_\_ surroundings.
- 3 Leave stress behind and recharge your batteries in the \_\_\_\_\_ setting of a \_\_\_\_\_ village high in the mountains.
- 4 Family-friendly vacations in \_\_\_\_\_ resorts on the Mediterranean.
- 5 The vacation of a lifetime: \_\_\_\_\_ beaches, \_\_\_\_\_ scenery. Unforgettable.
- 6 Take a trip along the \_\_\_\_\_ coastline of southern Australia.

## Grammar present perfect continuous and present perfect, *How long ... ?*

2 Complete the comments from visitors to the movie locations. Use the present perfect and the present perfect continuous forms of the verbs.

- 1 We \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) around London all day—we \_\_\_\_\_ (see) every Harry Potter site!
- 2 The guide \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) us about the movie stars he \_\_\_\_\_ (meet).
- 3 I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) photos of this amazing scenery, but my battery \_\_\_\_\_ (just / run out).
- 4 We \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for the weather to change so the balloon can take off—we

\_\_\_\_\_ (pay) for our tickets now, so I hope we can go up.

- 5 I \_\_\_\_\_ (explore) Prague on my own. I \_\_\_\_\_ (find) some lovely quiet corners.
- 6 Let's get a coffee. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not / have) anything to drink and we \_\_\_\_\_ (sightsee) since first thing this morning.

3 Rewrite the sentences using the words in parentheses. Use the present perfect or the present perfect continuous, as appropriate.

- 1 I came to the beach after breakfast. Now it's dinner time.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (lie / all day)
  - 2 We set off at seven. It's now three o'clock.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (travel)
  - 3 We first came here ten years ago. We come every year.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (come)
  - 4 I started this book when I arrived. I haven't finished it yet.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (read)
  - 5 I left Paris this morning. Now I'm in Rome.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (drive / 620 miles)
  - 6 This is our third hotel this vacation!  
\_\_\_\_\_ (stay)
- 4 Write questions with *How long* and the present perfect continuous for sentences 1–4 in Exercise 3. Then write the answers.
- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2 \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3 \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4 \_\_\_\_\_

# 5c The responsible traveler

## Vocabulary conservation

1 Look at these words. Find and write:

eco-friendly habitats impact issues  
projects species waste

- two words that can follow:
  - conservation \_\_\_\_\_, conservation \_\_\_\_\_
  - threatened \_\_\_\_\_, threatened \_\_\_\_\_
- words that mean the same as:
  - trash: \_\_\_\_\_
  - green: \_\_\_\_\_
  - effect: \_\_\_\_\_

## Word focus thing

2 Match the statements (1–4) with the uses of the expressions with *thing* (a–d).

- Andrew Marshall, an expert in all things green.
- But I think the best thing is to use your common sense.
- Tour operators have been taking steps to improve things in this area.
- The thing is, there are lot of problems there.
  - giving advice
  - introducing a problem or explanation
  - talking about general aspects of something
  - referring to a group of unspecified ideas, objects, etc.

3 Complete the sentences with these expressions with *thing*.

a few things and things best thing  
important thing sort of thing worst thing

- I love visiting old churches \_\_\_\_\_.
- We're almost ready to go. I just need to take care of \_\_\_\_\_.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ about this trash is that it takes years to disappear.
- She's really into conservation and that \_\_\_\_\_.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ about France is the food.

6 The \_\_\_\_\_ is to check with the tour operator.

## Vocabulary review travel tips

4 Complete the travel tips with these words.

delays local transportation luggage plan  
around-the-world trip travel trip

### TIPS FOR TRAVELERS

- ▶ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ light—don't take unnecessary <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ Relax—can't get stressed by <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ Use <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_—it's cheaper and more fun.
- ▶ <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ well and get the most from your <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ On an <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, it's often cheaper to fly east to west.

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *travel* or *trip*.

- I just got back from a \_\_\_\_\_ to Greece.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ across Australia by car.
- I love going on long train \_\_\_\_\_.
- We went on a few day \_\_\_\_\_ from the resort.
- How was your \_\_\_\_\_?
- Air \_\_\_\_\_ is fast, but expensive.

## Grammar review present perfect and simple past

6 Complete the conversation with the present perfect and simple past form of the verbs.

- A: <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) a lot of traveling?  
E: Well, that depends what you mean by "a lot"! I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to about six or seven countries, I suppose.  
A: That's a lot! I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not / be) to that many. Where <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (go) on your last trip?

## 5d Is something wrong?

### Vocabulary travel problems

1 Make compound nouns with these words.

allowance	pass	control	documents
car	poisoning	room	schedule

- 1 baggage \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 boarding \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 rental \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 food \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 hotel \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 passport \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 travel \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 train \_\_\_\_\_

2 Complete the sentences with the compound nouns from Exercise 1.

- 1 I forgot the \_\_\_\_\_ at home, so I hope the times are on our tickets.
- 2 You can't go back now—you've been through \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Our \_\_\_\_\_ is right above the hotel kitchen!
- 4 Did they write the gate number on the \_\_\_\_\_ when we checked in?
- 5 We've had to pay extra because we went over our \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 I've got some medicine with me in case I get \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 Excuse me, where are the \_\_\_\_\_ offices? Are they outside?
- 8 Keep all your \_\_\_\_\_ in a safe place.



### Real life dealing with problems

3 Match the comments (1–6) with the responses (a–f). Write T next to the things a tourist would say.

- 1 Can I help?
  - 2 Why have we been waiting so long?
  - 3 I wonder if you could help us?
  - 4 Is there anything you can do about the air-conditioning?
  - 5 I'm sorry, but I've lost the key to my room.
  - 6 Is anything wrong?
- a Don't worry. I'll give you another one.
  - b I hope so. It's about the noise from the room next door.
  - c I'll ask someone to take a look at it. Which room is it?
  - d Yes, I've left my bag with all my travel documents somewhere.
  - e Yes, of course. What's the problem?
  - f I'm afraid the flight has been delayed.

### 4 Grammar review prepositions

Complete the exchanges with these prepositions.

at for from

- 1 A: Which gate are you \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
B: I'm \_\_\_\_\_ gate 17.
- 2 A: Where have these people come \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
B: They're \_\_\_\_\_ the other bus—it broke down.
- 3 A: How long are you here \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_ another week.

# 5e Hello from Egypt!

## Writing skill informal style

- 1 What do these informal expressions mean? Write them in the correct place.

awesome cool no way wow

- 1 I don't believe it / you. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 I'm surprised. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 I agree / approve. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 That's incredible / amazing / impressive. \_\_\_\_\_

- 2 What do these abbreviations mean? Write them in the correct place.

BTW CM LOL OXOX THX

- 1 thank you: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 hugs and kisses (to end a message): \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 laugh out loud (to say you found something funny): \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 by the way: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 call me: \_\_\_\_\_

- 3 Add exclamation points to these sentences where appropriate.

- 1 The resort is fine.
- 2 The beach is beautiful.
- 3 The trip was exhausting.
- 4 I'm very tired.
- 5 I love it here.

- 4 Rewrite these sentences from a postcard as full sentences.

- 1 Food here delicious. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Been on a camel ride (bumpy!). \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Never been so hot in my life! \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Taking it easy today—did too much yesterday. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Photos in the usual place online. \_\_\_\_\_

- 5 Rewrite these sentences in a more informal style.

- 1 The weather here is great. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 We've been lying by the hotel pool since we arrived. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 I'm thinking of staying an extra week because it's so beautiful. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 We've arranged to go on a couple of day trips. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 We had a terrible flight. There was a long delay, the seats were uncomfortable, and there was no food! \_\_\_\_\_

- 6 Write a postcard from Egypt. Use the questions as a guide.

- What was the trip like?
- What are the people like?
- What's the weather like?
- What's the food like?
- What's the hotel like?

A template for a postcard. It features a vertical line on the right side, with a wavy line above it indicating where to place a stamp. The rest of the card is blank with horizontal lines for writing.

## Wordbuilding compound nouns (noun + noun)

### ► WORDBUILDING compound nouns (noun + noun)

We can use two nouns together to mean one thing.  
*baggage allowances*  
*boarding passes*  
 Compound nouns can be made up of two words  
 (boarding pass), one word (backpack) or two words  
 with a hyphen (sky-diving). The plural is made by  
 making the second noun plural (*hotel rooms*, not  
*hotels room*).

- 1 Write the compound nouns in three groups.



arrivals hall	carry-on luggage
baggage claim	insect repellent
budget hotel	money belt
campsite	sunscreen
departure lounge	youth hostel
guest house	

- 2 Write the names of these things.

- You can wait to board the plane here:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Essential if you want to avoid itchy bites:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Inexpensive place to stay and not just for young people:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Not luxurious, and you need your own tent:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Where you pick up your luggage after leaving the plane:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- You can take this on the plane:  
\_\_\_\_\_

- A good idea if you are in dangerous areas:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Don't forget to put this on exposed areas of skin:  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Learning skills dictionary skills

A good dictionary gives you information about how a word is used as well as its meaning. This helps you to choose between confusing words.

- 3 Complete the dictionary definitions with the word they define: *travel* or *trip*.

- \_\_\_\_\_ (n) (countable) the act of going somewhere and coming back again, usually for a short time *We've been on a day \_\_\_\_\_ to the capital.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ (v) to go from one place to another, usually in a vehicle *We \_\_\_\_\_ by train a lot when we were in India.* (n) (uncountable) the activity of visiting different places *They say \_\_\_\_\_ is good for you.*

- 4 Find these words in your dictionary: *tour*, *trip*, and *voyage*. Then complete these sentences.

- I've been on a sightseeing \_\_\_\_\_ around the island.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ across the Indian Ocean took a couple of weeks.
- What was the \_\_\_\_\_ to Paris like? Did you stop on the way?
- I've been reading about James Cook's first \_\_\_\_\_ to the East.

## Check!

- 5 Solve the anagrams to find words from Student Book Unit 5.

- a d e l s y  
you often get them at airports: \_\_\_\_\_
- a c n v c a i t o e r s  
people who are on a trip for pleasure, not work:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- a a b h i s t t  
wildlife homes: \_\_\_\_\_
- i m o o q s t u  
be careful it doesn't bite you: \_\_\_\_\_