Unit 5 Travel

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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.

- 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 "amily.
- 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.
- 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.
- One of the greatest experiences of my life was the trip to Khumbu kefall 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.
- 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.

- 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).				7

- 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.

- Boyd Matson (work) for National Geographic for years.

- 4 He ______ (not / have) any life-threatening experiences so far.
- 6 He ______(be) on a working trip to Egypt this month.

5b Where to go, what to do there

ocabulary vacation destinations	(pay) for our tickets now,
Complete the sentences from a travel agent's website with these words.	5 I (explore) Prague on my own. I (find) some lovely
busy crowded exotic peaceful relaxing remote safe tropical unspoiled vibrant	quiet corners. 6 Let's get a coffee. We
Explore the streets and markets of this city.	(not / have) anything to drink and we (sightsee) since first thing this morning.
Get away from it all on a luxury break in surroundings.	3 Rewrite the sentences using the words in parentheses. Use the present perfect or the present perfect continuous, as appropriate.
3 Leave stress behind and recharge your batteries in the setting of a village high in the mountains.	I came to the beach after breakfast. Now it's dinner time. (lie / all day)
Family-friendly vacations in resorts on the Mediterranean.	2 We set off at seven. It's now three o'clock.
The vacation of a lifetime: beaches, scenery. Unforgettable.	(travel) 3 We first came here ten years ago. We come every year.
5 Take a trip along the coastline of southern Australia.	(come) 4 I started this book when I arrived. I haven't finished it yet.
crammar present perfect continuous and present perfect, How long? Complete the comments from visitors to the movie locations. Use the present perfect and the present perfect continuous forms of the verbs.	(read) 5 I left Paris this morning. Now I'm in Rome. (drive / 620 miles) 6 This is our third hotel this vacation!
1 We (walk) around London all day—we (see) every	(stay) Write questions with How long and the present perfect continuous for sentences 1–4 in Exercise 3.
Harry Potter site! 2 The guide (tell) us about	Then write the answers.
the movie stars he (meet). 3	2
(just / run out). 4 We (wait) for the weather	3
to change so the halloon can take off—we	*

5c The responsible traveler

Vocabulary conservation

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31	Look at	these	words.	ring	and	Wľ	nte

			habitats species		issues	
1	tw	o words	that can fo	llow:		
	a	conserv				
		threater				
2	W	ords that	mean the	same as:		
	a	trash:				
	b	green:_				
	¢	effect:_				

Word focus thing

- 2 Match the statements (1–4) with the uses of the expressions with thing (a–d).
 - 1 Andrew Marshall, an expert in all things green.
 - 2 But I think the best thing is to use your common sense.
 - 3 Tour operators have been taking steps to improve things in this area.
 - 4 The thing is, there are lot of problems there.
 - a giving advice
 - b introducing a problem or explanation
 - c talking about general aspects of something
 - d referring to a group of unspecified ideas, objects, etc.
- 3 Complete the sentences with these expressions w:th thing.

	few things mportant thing	and things sort of thing	best thing worst thing
1	I love visiting	old churches_	
2	We're almost roof	eady to go. I jus	st need to take care
3	Thetrash is that it t	takes years to d	about this lisappear.
4	She's really int	o conservation	and that
5	The France is the fo	ood,	about

6	The -	is to check
	with the tour operator.	

Vocabulary review travel tips

4 Complete the travel tips with these words.

delays	local transport	ation	luggage	plar
around-	the-world trip	travel	trip	

	The state of the s	TRAVELERS
-	1	_light—don't take
	unnecessory 2	
-	Relax—con't get str	essed by
	Use 4 and more fun.	—it's cheaper
-	9	well and get the most
	from your *	
-	On an 7	, it's often cheaper
	to fly east to west.	

5	Complete the	sentences	with	the c	orrect	form	of
	travel or trip.						

1	I just got back fro	m a	to Greece
2	We	across Austral	ia by car.
3	I love going on lo	ng train	
	We went on a few resort.	day	from the
5	How was your	7	
6	Air	is fast, but exp	ensive.

Grammar review present perfect and simple past

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

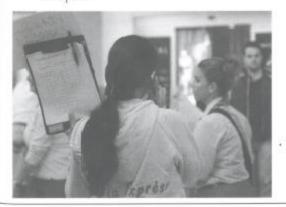
A:	1	you	(do) z lo
	of traveling	2	
E:	Well, that de	epends what yo	u mean by "a lot"!
	I 2	(go)	to about six or
	seven count	ries, I suppose.	
A:	That's a lot!	I 3	(not / be)
	to that many	v. Where *	you
		(go) on your la	ast trip?

5d Is something wrong?

Vocabulary travel problems

1 Make compound nouns with these words.

	allowance car		pass poisoning	room	documents 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 th	ne		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	6 I've got some medicine with me in case I get							
	7	Excuse m	ie, where an	e the					
		offices? A	re they out	side?					
	8	Keep all			in a				
		safe place	a.						



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.

-2	it	for from	
1		Which gate are you I'm gate 17.	?
2		Where have these people They're the other down.	
3	A: B:	How long are you hereanother week.	?

5e Hello from Egypt!

Writing skill informal style

 What do these informal expressions mean? Writethem in the correct place.

8	wesome 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.

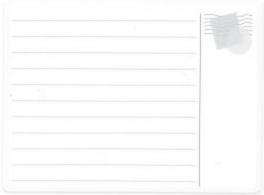
What do these abbreviations mean? Write them in the correct place.

E	TW 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?





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).

Write the compound nouns in three groups.



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

- Write the names of these things.
 - 1 You can wait to board the plane here:
 - 2 Essential if you want to avoid itchy bites:
 - 3 Inexpensive place to stay and not just for young people:
 - 4 Not luxurious, and you need your own tent:
 - 5 Where you pick up your luggage after leaving the plane:
 - 6 You can take this on the plane:

- 7 A good idea if you are in dangerous areas:
- 8 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.
 - 1 _______(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.
- 4 Find these words in your dictionary: tour, trip, and voyage. Then complete these sentences.
 - I've been on a sightseeing ______
 around the island.
 - 2 The _____ across the Indian Ocean took a couple of weeks.
 - 3 What was the to Paris like? Did you stop on the way?
 - 4 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.
 - 1 adelisy you often get them at airports:
 - 2 a c n v c a i t o e r s people who are on a trip for pleasure, not work:
 - 3 a a b h i s t t wildlife homes:
 - 4 imooqstu
 be careful it doesn't bite you: