

Unit 10 Travel and vacations

10a Vacation experiences

Vocabulary travel and vacations

1 Complete the three ads with these words.

apartments camera camping cruise
five-star package sightseeing sleeping bags

See the world by sea and take a luxury ¹ _____ with G&A Ferries. Your voyage can last for one month, two months or half a year, with regular stops and ² _____ tours of some of the world's most famous cities. Choose between regular and economy rooms or ³ _____ cabins.

The Outdoor Store can supply all your ⁴ _____ needs this summer with high quality tents, cooking equipment, ⁵ _____, and the very best in ⁶ _____ equipment to photograph wildlife.

Book online at www.holidaystop.com. We have great deals on places to stay for every kind of vacationer including ⁷ _____ for the independent traveler. Or perhaps you want to travel with a group on one of our all-inclusive ⁸ _____ tours.

Grammar past perfect

2 Complete the vacation story with the past perfect form of the verbs.

Before I visited northern Norway, I ¹ _____ (be) to many parts of the world, including the southern most point of Patagonia.



I ² _____ (see) many natural wonders, but I ³ _____ (not imagine) that a place could be so beautiful. We ⁴ _____ (drive) all day up the coast of Norway and finally we ⁵ _____ (arrive) just as the sun was disappearing. Above us were the northern lights in the sky. The colors were amazing and they seemed to dance. We ⁶ _____ (not expect) that they would be so stunning.

3 Choose the correct form (simple past or past perfect) to complete the conversations.

Conversation 1

A: ¹ *Did you ever go / Had you ever been* to the Atlas Mountains before?

B: No. I went to Morocco in 1999, but only to the cities. There ² *wasn't / hadn't been* time on that trip to travel to the mountains as well.

Conversation 2

A: I didn't know that Sandy ³ *left / had left* his job! When ⁴ *did that happen / had that happened*?

B: Months ago. ⁵ *He wanted / He'd wanted* to leave forever and travel abroad. ⁶ *I received / I'd received* a postcard from him yesterday from New Zealand.

Conversation 3

A: Why are Josie and Bryony back from their trip to Europe already?

B: Well, by the time they reached Paris, the car ⁷ *broke / had broken* down three times, so they ⁸ *gave / had given up*.

10b Visiting different places

Vocabulary vacation adjectives

1 Complete the sentences with these adjectives.

ancient fascinating stunning unforgettable
unique

- 1 This castle was built in the tenth century. It's an _____ place.
- 2 I never forgot my visit to the Sahara desert. It's an _____ place.
- 3 There's nowhere else on the planet like Antarctica. It's a _____ place.
- 4 The museums in Paris are so interesting. They are _____ places.
- 5 On a clear day at the top, you get a spectacular view of the whole mountain range. It has _____ views.

2 Write a paragraph about a place you have visited. Use the adjectives in the box in Exercise 1.



Grammar -ed / -ing adjectives

3 Complete the pairs of sentences with the -ed or -ing adjective form of the words.

- 1 amaze
a The view from here is _____.
b I'm _____ at how much everything costs in this country.
- 2 fascinate
a Tourists were _____ by the pyramids.
b The history of this region is _____.
- 3 interest
a Why are you so _____ in this building?
b Do you think this is an _____ place to visit?
- 4 frighten
a The rollercoaster is one of the largest in the world and very _____.
b Lots of people were _____ by the ride at the theme park.
- 5 worry
a You look _____! Don't be. The dentist is very friendly.
b Why are you _____ about your results? You always pass your exams.
- 6 tire
a Everyone's _____ after the long walk.
b Carrying a heavy backpack is really _____.
- 7 excite
a Tonight we're going to a concert. We're really _____.
b It's always _____ to visit new places and meet new people.
- 8 surprise
a Was it _____ to see so many friends at your party?
b I was _____ to receive a present from everyone.

10c Travel advice

Listening tipping around the world



1 Read the following advice on tipping when traveling from travel writer Stella Swan.

Q: Stella, is there a rule for tipping when traveling?

A: The only rule for tipping when you travel is that it's different everywhere. A good guideline to follow is to pay a tip when you are really happy with the service. I also tip the people who make a difference to my holiday.

Q: What do you mean?

A: Well, if I'm staying at a hotel I always leave a nice tip for the cleaning staff.

Q: Which country expects the highest tips?

A: I think most people are surprised in North America, where twenty percent is considered normal.

Q: Isn't that high?

A: Maybe, but in Canada and the US you also pay a little less at the restaurant and at the hotel, but you get good service in return. If you don't get good service, then leave ten percent.

Q: What about in Central America or South America? Is it twenty percent?

A: It tends to be lower. Around ten percent is normal.

Q: What about tipping in Asia?

A: In places like China and Japan it isn't common to tip at all.

Q: Any other advice on tipping?

A: Be aware of service charges that many hotels and restaurants include in the bill. It's common in places where there are lots of people from different countries. It solves the tipping problem!

2 Answer the questions. Choose the correct option (a, b, or c).

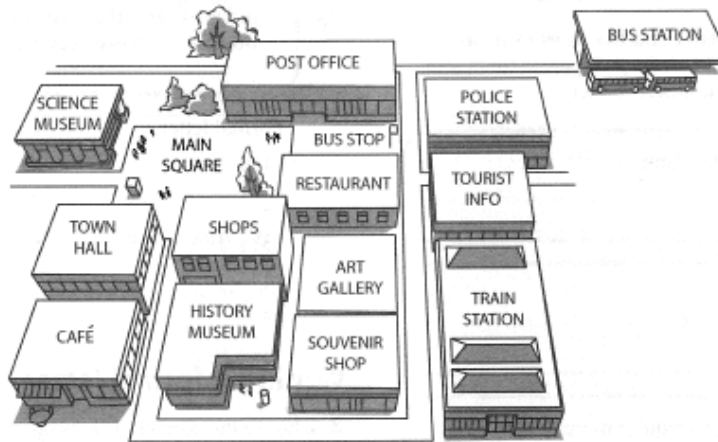
- Who does Stella tip?
 - People who affect her vacation in a positive way
 - Anyone who provides service
 - No one
- Why are most people surprised in North America?
 - It's expensive.
 - The service is bad.
 - The tips are high.
- What does Stella say about tipping in different countries?
 - Expect to pay different percentages
 - Always pay the same amount
 - Try to avoid tipping because of service charges
- Why are service charges more common?
 - Because restaurants want to charge more.
 - Because many waiters come from different countries.
 - Because it solves a problem when you have international guests.

Vocabulary places in a city

3 Write the missing letters in the words.

- There's a large a____e that goes through the middle of the city, with beautiful old trees on either side.
- Huge container ships come down this r____r every day because it leads out into the ocean.
- The ancient c____s are right below us. People used to bury the dead there. We can walk through them if you like.
- These old houses have c____rs which often fill up with water in the winter.
- Montmartre is a famous d____t of Paris.
- Trains used to pass through these t____ls, but now they aren't used.
- Engineers in the eighteenth century built these c____ls so barges could carry goods on water from the factories to the cities.
- In London it's called the Underground, in Paris it's the Metro, and in New York it's the s____y.

10d Visiting a city



Real life direct and indirect questions

1 Rewrite the direct questions as indirect questions.

- 1 Is the city museum near here?
Do you know if _____?
- 2 Which bus do I take to the city center?
Can you tell me _____?
- 3 Is there a post office anywhere near here?
Do you have any idea if _____?
- 4 Would you recommend anything in particular?
I was wondering if _____.
- 5 What time does the history museum open?
I'd like to know _____.

2 Complete the conversations with the indirect questions from Exercise 1.

Conversation 1

Tourist: Excuse me, ¹ _____?

Passerby: There are three. The number 10, the 11, and the 12B. In fact, the 12B is coming now.

Tourist: Thanks a lot.

Conversation 2

Tourist: Hi. ² _____?

Passerby: Which one? There are two. There's the science museum over there and there's the history museum. It's about five minutes' walk from here.

Conversation 3

Tourist: Hello? ³ _____.

Passerby: In about half an hour.

Tourist: Oh no!

Passerby: But if you want to wait, there's a nice café across the road. You can wait there.

Tourist: Thanks.

Conversation 4

Tourist: Excuse me. ⁴ _____.

Waiter: Well, our chocolate cake is very famous.

Tourist: OK, I'll try that then.

Conversation 5

Tourist: ⁵ _____?

I need some stamps.

Passerby: Yes, but it'll be closed now. Try the souvenir store. They sell stamps, I think.

10e Requesting information

Writing skill formal expressions

Five lines from a letter and five lines from an informal email are mixed up. Separate them and number them in the correct order.

- a Dear Sir or Madam:
- b Thanks.
- c I am writing to request more information about your "Bahamas Paradise."
- d I would also be grateful if you would send me full prices for next summer.
- e Do you remember how much it cost?
- f Yours sincerely,
- g I saw your advertisement on a website but would like to receive a brochure.
- h Hi Herbert
- i Can you send me more info about that place you went to last year?

j And what was the name of the restaurant you went to every evening?

Formal letter	Informal email
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2 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>
3 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>
4 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
5 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>

Writing a formal letter

2 Choose the correct options (a-c) to complete the letter.

¹ _____ Mrs. Waring:

I am writing ² _____ regard to your ³ _____ for more details about our package tours in the Mediterranean. I am delighted ⁴ _____ enclose a copy of our brochure for next year. As you will see, we are offering a greater choice of vacations than ever before.

I have to ⁵ _____ because I am unable to provide an up-to-date price list at this time. I hope to send this in the next two weeks. In the meantime, if you require any ⁶ _____ information or have questions, ⁷ _____ do not hesitate to contact me directly at 1-617-555-4106.

Best ⁸ _____,

Jennifer Williamson
Sales Department

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| 1 a Hi | (b) Dear | c Yours |
| 2 a with | b to | c about |
| 3 a question | b request | c ask |
| 4 a with | b to | c for |
| 5 a apologize | b sorry | c afraid |
| 6 a future | b faster | c further |
| 7 a you | b please | c why |
| 8 a requests | b require | c wishes |

Wordbuilding dependent prepositions

► WORDBUILDING dependent prepositions

We often follow *-ed* adjectives with a dependent preposition. These dependent prepositions are followed by nouns or *-ing* forms, e.g.,
I'm interested in Greek mythology.
Are you interested in visiting museums?

- 1 Look at the Wordbuilding box. Then complete the sentences with these prepositions.

about (x2) by in of (x2) with (x2)

- Are you interested _____ visiting this palace?
- I get so bored _____ looking at people's vacation photographs.
- People often get annoyed _____ all the security checks at airports.
- Are you excited _____ your next vacation?
- I'm tired _____ watching this. Let's change channels.
- I never take planes because I'm scared _____ flying.
- We were so pleased _____ the tour company that we're going with them again next year.
- What are you worried _____ ?

Learning skills learning from your mistakes

- 2 How do you feel when you make a mistake in English? Which sentence (a-c) describes your opinion of making mistakes?
- I get really angry when I make a mistake.
 - I'm scared of making mistakes.
 - Mistakes mean I am learning. I try to learn from them.

- 3 You can learn a lot from your common mistakes, so it's a good idea to write them down on a special page in your notebook. Write the corrections in a different color below them. Look at this page from a learner's notebook. The student has written down the mistakes but needs to write all the corrections. Use a dictionary to help you find the correct preposition and correct it.

- ~~I'm afraid from spiders.~~
I'm afraid of spiders.
- We arrived to the station.
- She travels to work with the train.
- I am writing to complain for your service.
- My answer is different than yours.
- I'm not very good in art.
- Angela is married with David.

- 4 Start a "My common mistakes" page in your notebook. Look back through your work and write down your common mistakes.

Check!

- 5 Answer these quiz questions. Use information in Unit 10 of the Student Book to help you.
- A type of "tour" that includes everything. (7 letters) _____
 - You give this to someone who gives you good service. (3 letters) _____
 - A group of tribesmen in Tanzania. (5 letters) _____
 - Ancient places below a city. (9 letters) _____
 - People who live in Paris. (9 letters) _____