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A. Read the article one reader of *Travel and Nature* magazine wrote and answer the questions.

Which of the two titles below is the most suitable for it?

a. Discover the Magic of Wolong

b. Wolong National Nature Reserve

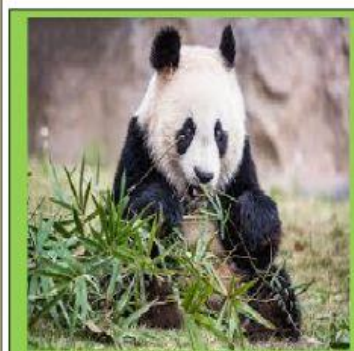


Have you ever wondered where those cute, cuddly giant pandas you see in zoos come from? Well, last year on a trip to China I found out. I visited the Wolong National Nature Reserve. It was an unforgettable experience!

Wolong is a sanctuary for giant pandas and other endangered species. There, the pandas are protected and live in their natural habitat. Some of the pandas, especially the mothers and their babies, live in panda houses, where scientists study them. Others are free to roam the mountains, where you can see them playing, relaxing and chewing on their favourite food, bamboo.

'Wo Long' actually means 'sleeping dragon' and comes from a legend about a dragon that was overwhelmed by the beauty of the valley and fell asleep there, never to wake up again. A long dragon wall has been built there as a reminder of the legend. Like the dragon, I found the landscape absolutely breathtaking. The valleys with rivers and waterfalls surrounded by forest covered mountains make the reserve a truly remarkable place.

If you are a nature lover, Wolong is sure to fascinate you. Seeing giant pandas in the wild is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Why not plan a trip there and see for yourself?



B. What kind of information does the writer give in each paragraph?

attraction	describe	see	additional
place	sanctuary	comment	recommends
impressions	chosen		

In paragraph 1, the writer tells us which _____ he / she is going to _____ and why he / she has _____ to write about it.

In paragraph 2, the writer describes a main _____, in the _____, and what you can _____ there.

In paragraph 3, the writer gives some _____ information about the place as well as his/ her _____ of it.

In paragraph 4, the writer makes a general _____ about the place and _____ visiting it.

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Have you ever wondered ... you see in zoos come from?	forest-covered mountains	an unforgettable experience	Have you ever wondered where those cute, cuddly giant pandas you see in zoos come from?
Why not plan a trip there and see for yourself?	a truly remarkable place	... you can see them playing, relaxing and ...	If you are a nature lover, Wolong is sure to fascinate you.
Discover the magic of Wolong.	a once-in-a-lifetime experience		

C. When we write an article, we want to attract and keep the reader's interest.
We can do that by: *(choose the answers from the box above)*

1. having a title that catches the reader's attention. What is the **title** of the article above?

2. using **descriptive language**, eg. *colourful adjectives*. Give other examples from the article.

3. **addressing the reader personally**. Give examples from the article.

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4. asking **rhetorical questions**.

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