

A. Circle the correct words.

1. Sophie was **in** / **on** trouble because she hadn't completed her homework on time.
2. My wages have been cut and I'm afraid we will have to get **by** / **over** on a very low income from now on.
3. We will be given a **trip** / **tour** of all the famous landmarks in the town.
4. Let's get **around** / **down** to business; we have a lot of work to do.
5. I'm **in** / **on** a hurry because I missed the bus to work and I really don't want to be late.
6. There are many **strangers** / **foreigners** in this town that don't know the local language.
7. Don't worry about it! I'm sure you didn't break the screen **on purpose** / **in your interest**.
8. Can you please take **down** / **off** that painting? I really don't understand why you like it so much!
9. Tom has been given a promotion and from now on will be **in** / **on** charge of this department.

10. I'm happy to hear that you are **in / on** good terms with Lucy again after the argument that you had.

Choose a, b, c or d.

The Jewel of the South Pacific

The island of Bora Bora is well known as an exotic destination, with beautiful beaches, tropical fish, water sports and 1 ____ hotels. However, one young Frenchman did not have relaxation in 2 ____ when thinking about going to Bora Bora. His name was Azdine and he had 3 ____ of becoming a guide there ever since his father had given him a poster of the island. His father had told him that in order to be able to afford to travel to such an expensive destination, he would have to 4 ____ a good education and then find a well-paid job. Azdine, however, did not want to visit Bora Bora just as a tourist. To his 5 ___, he was accepted into a course to become a Polynesian hiking guide. Azdine now works as a guide on Bora Bora. He lives in his ideal 6 ____ : a home he built himself from recycled materials, with the exact same view he saw in the poster years ago. It's a far cry 7 ____ the life he used to lead. Azdine still 8 ____ every morning when he looks out onto the island and the breathtaking scenery.

1. a. fascinated b. luxury c. frequent d. impressed

2. a. particular b. the mood c. mind d. public

3. a. wondered b. volunteered c. viewed d. dreamt
4. a. acquire b. hunt c. approach d. encounter
5. a. thrill b. priority c. delight d. delay
6. a. monument b. accommodation c. architecture d. sculpture
7. a. from b. away c. by d. on
8. a. claims b. overwhelms c. complains d. gasps

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box. There are two extra words which you do not need to use.

accompany compulsory educated cater mistook
official invaluable puzzled cancel document tourism
tension

1. Gavin is a highly _____ man and you can learn so much from talking to him.
2. I do apologise! I _____ you for someone else.
3. School uniforms are _____ in most British schools.
4. Would you like me to _____ you to the business dinner?
5. It has been a truly _____ lesson, one that I will never forget!
6. Your passport is the most important _____ that you need to have with you on the trip.

7. I felt really bad as I had to _____ at the last minute, and I know how sad Janette was to miss the play.
8. You could feel the _____ in the room as they were waiting for the phone to ring.
9. I tried to explain what had happened, but when I finished, everyone was still looking at me with a(n) _____ expression.
10. The government _____ tried to answer all our questions regarding the new laws that had been passed.

Choose a, b, c or d.

1. I ____ in the garden when I found a gold coin.
a. was going to stroll b. used to stroll c. was strolling d. strolled
2. I snowboarding at weekends but now that my work life is busier it's difficult to get away.
a. used to go b. was going c. went d. was going to go
3. I took on the project, I regretted it because I realised how much work it would involve.
a. As b. Until c. Before d. As soon as
4. I was gardening and Annabel the plants when our friends arrived.
a. was watering b. watered c. used to water d. would water
5. I Tony to the dinner party but then I remembered that he and Andrew didn't get along.

a. was inviting b. was going to invite c. used to invite d. would invite

6. I my hair back as it was a really hot day.

a. was tying b. tied c. used to tie d. was going to tie

7. Tanya glasses, but she no longer does.

a. was going to wear b. was wearing c. used to wear d. would wear

8. Sam fishing with his dad when he was a kid.

a. was going b. has gone c. was going to go d. would go

Complete with the Past Simple or the Past Progressive of the verbs in brackets.

A: 1 _____ (you / enjoy) your holiday in Africa?

B: Yes, I did, thanks. We 2 _____ (think) of going to Italy again, but then 3 _____ (decide) on an alternative holiday. We 4 _____ (want) to combine volunteer work with the opportunity to visit a place we hadn't been to before.

But things 5 _____ (not go) so smoothly in the beginning.

A: Really? What happened?

B: Well, as soon as we 6 _____ (arrive), we 7 _____ (realise) that our luggage 8 _____ (miss). We 9 _____ (go) to the information desk and while we 10 _____ (wait) for the airline to locate our suitcases, I 11 _____ (try) to think of a way to go back home.

A: But you didn't.

B: No. In the end, they 12 _____ (apologise) for the inconvenience and 13 _____ (offer) to cover any expenses until we 14 _____ (receive) our things. So, we 15 _____ (stay) and I'm glad we did.

A: What about the volunteer work?

B: It truly was an extraordinary experience! All the time we were there, we 16 _____ (work) with a team that 17 _____ (build) a local health centre in a village in Kenya. It wasn't easy, I assure you. But we also 18 _____ (go) on a safari. Let me show you some photos.

Read the four travel blogs in which people are talking about a holiday they are on.

For questions 1-7, choose from the people (A-D). Some people may be chosen more than once.

Which person

1. eagerly tries new things?
2. is relieved about an aspect of his/her travel?
3. compares the place he/she is describing to earlier experiences?
4. is cautious?
5. describes details of life on the streets?
6. says he/she is satisfied with the experience?

7. finds something more challenging than he/she had expected?

THE COLOURS OF TRAVEL

A.

The room is basic, but thankfully clean. There is a small balcony which looks onto a narrow street. There is another small hotel across the street, Étoile, with stars painted onto blue-grey shutters, whose colour reminds me of my Siamese cat, Spud, back home. I wonder how Spud is getting on with my neighbour's young children. We are close to a food market, just as we intended when looking for a room. We go to a café nearby for coffee, eat *pain au chocolat* and watch the Parisians go by. This puts us in a relaxed mood for our trip to the Musée Rodin, where we take out our sketchbooks to draw our favourite Rodin sculptures. I choose a sculpture of a pair of hands which turns out to be trickier than I thought it would be to draw.

B.

There are vivid colours everywhere: flowers painted onto the backs of trucks along with funny messages, women in *saris* or *salwar kameez* of every imaginable colour and multicoloured spices and fruit in the street markets. A green and yellow auto rickshaw beeps its horn and I jump out of its way. I haven't yet figured out the rules of the road and the same is true for the camel coming up the road on the wrong side. Delhi brings all the senses to life. The smell coming from a street stall tempts me and I stop to have a look. The *Aloo Tikki*, a golden-fried potato, is delicious but I quickly decide to go easy on the dip, which sets my mouth on fire.

C.

We arrive at the bridge and I still haven't made up my mind whether or not I will jump; I need to have some more information. We're working on my best friend's wish list of things to try before he turns thirty. Swimming with

dolphins, learning Italian and bungee jumping are the remaining three wishes. The bungee jump operator explains to Johnny what to do and hooks him up to the rope, counting down slowly 5-4-3-2... but he is so excited that he jumps before the operator has reached one. Johnny's arms are stretched out and he shouts out as his body flies down towards the water. Johnny's red jacket stands out against the blue and the tips of his fingers splash into the river, before the rope snaps him back upwards.

D.

Gary hugs one of the stones while I take a photograph. The sky behind him is breathtaking. The Ring of Brodgar is not in the slightest bit disappointing, unlike other stone circles we have visited; in fact, it's quite the opposite. Perhaps it is the colour of the stone and moss or that the shapes of the stones are all different and look a little like people. Whatever it is, this place really is enchanting. We walk around the outside of the stones, stopping to look at each stone and feel its rough surface. There are few other tourists, so we are able to enjoy the site leisurely. Thinking on it now, Orkney is probably one of the most interesting places in Scotland, with this ancient stone circle being one of its highlights.