

Reading

1. Read the blog posts. Match the writers (Emily, Mary, Stella and Cameron) with the sentences (1–5). *One writer matches with two sentences.*

AirBnB is a great idea. People rent out rooms in their homes so that travellers can stay in a real house rather than a hotel. There are places to stay all over the world and some are quite unusual. When I went to Paris, I stayed in Nathalie's spare room in her apartment.

Although the room was nothing special, it was great to stay with a real French person. She helped me with my French and told me about some good places to go that weren't in my travel guide. One day, she even took me to her favourite cafe. So actually, instead of going to touristy places, I did what the locals do instead.

Emily, Manchester

I've only been camping once, but it was such a lot of work to put the tent up that I've never done it since. That's why my son booked a weekend of glamping for us. Glamping is very popular in the UK. It's like camping, but without the hard work. When we arrived at the campsite, everything was ready for us. We stayed in a Mongolian tent called a yurt. We slept in real beds and cooked our food on a fire. We even had newspapers and fresh orange juice in the morning. I loved it, but my son didn't think that it was worth all that money. I understand why he thought that, but I'll definitely do it again.

Mary, Dublin

This writer (write the name):

1 has already planned her next trip. _____

I have the best holidays when I go to music festivals. My favourite is called WOMAD, which stands for World of Music and Dance. They happen all over the world, but the one I go to is in Wiltshire in July. I love it because you can listen to music from around the world and you can try things that you've never done before, too. There's lots of great food to eat, yoga classes, crafts and entertainment. I never get bored. Actually, I go every year, and I've already got my tickets for next year because you get a discount if you buy them early.

Stella, Cardiff

One of my favourite holidays was on a canal boat on the river Thames. It was such a relaxing holiday. You're not allowed to travel very fast on the river, so it takes ages to get anywhere and you have time to watch the ducks and look at other wildlife. My life is very busy, so it was great to have some time just to look at things. You also go past some beautiful houses on the river. I would love to do it again.

Cameron, Bristol

2 liked the holiday, although it was expensive. _____

3 enjoyed going to places that other tourists didn't know about. _____

4 liked not being under time pressure. _____

5 got some additional help with learning a language. _____

2. Look through the texts one more time. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

1. Stella goes on the same type of holiday regularly.
2. Mary is going to do glamping with her colleagues next time.
3. Emily chose BnB because it was cheaper than a hotel.
4. Mary enjoyed a holiday more because she didn't have to do anything.
5. Cameron liked the slower way of life.

Listening

Listen to an interview with a crime writer and choose the correct answers. *Only one option is correct.*

1. Carol started to write about crime when

- a) she worked as a police officer.
- b) one of her relatives robbed a bank.
- c) someone she knew committed a crime.

2. Carol is interested in how criminals

- a) start a life of crime.
- b) feel about their crimes.
- c) treat their families.

3. Carol prefers to research her books by

- a) talking to people involved in crime.
- b) reading books about criminals.
- c) looking for information on the internet.

4. Carol thinks that meeting criminals

- a) isn't as good as reading books about them.
- b) helps her to understand the crimes better.
- c) is the easiest way to do research.

5. Carol wants to understand what a criminal is like so she can write realistic

- a) main characters.
- b) crimes.
- c) victims.

6. Carol says that everyone

- a) has something good about them.
- b) could easily become a criminal.
- c) becomes kinder around nature.

7. Carol was scared of one criminal she met because

- a) of something that he said.
- b) he had bought her a drink.
- c) she looked like his last victim.

8. Drinking coffee with a criminal felt dangerous to Carol because

- a) he did that before he murdered his victims.
- b) he murdered people after they finished their drinks.
- c) his last two victims had worked in a cafe.

9. Carol's books

- a) don't take long to write.
- b) don't take ages to read.
- c) aren't popular enough.

10. Carol says that her success

- a) happened very quickly.
- b) probably won't last for ever.
- c) encourages her to think of new stories.