

Written mid-term
Inglés para el turismo 1 – ISICANA



AMANDA is a travel agent from Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Today she's working in her office. She has to find destinations for different groups of tourists. Now she's thinking about Mexico.
Let's join her!



1. Reading Section. Read about Mexico.

Mexico is a great mosaic that combines beautiful natural settings, cities with pre-Hispanic, colonial and modern heritage, a wide variety of exquisite delicacies that delight palates, and fascinating traditions that captivate the visitor.

From the beach to the mountains, from the desert to the jungle, from the archaeological zone to the vibrant cities, from sweet to spicy flavors, from relaxing to the happy of its parties, Mexico has everything that tourists are looking for, which is well received by the warmth of its people. Mexico has 32 states to fall in love with.



THINGS TO DO AND SEE IN MEXICO CITY – (Let's go to the capital city)

Mexico City truly is a capital city to rival all others. It is known as the City of Palaces due to its high number of stately buildings; most being gathered in the city centre and it also has the largest number of museums in the world. Plaza de la Constitución in Centro Historico (Historic Downtown) is one of the largest in the world and an excellent place to start your sightseeing. La Catedral, the largest and oldest in the Americas is here. Dating back to the 16th century, the gothic cathedral is an amazing sight with 4 facades, 16 chapels each dedicated to a different saint and many altars, the principle one made from solid gold.

There really is something to offer everyone in Mexico City and the number of attractions the city has to offer is truly amazing. There are no beaches in Mexico City but there are plenty of parks, plazas, bars and restaurants with which to relax between attractions and take in some of the great atmosphere and culture of this incredible city.

1. Choose the correct option and answer:

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| • Mexico has lots of landforms and weather | TRUE | FALSE |
| • Mexico has few museums | TRUE | FALSE |
| • La Catedral has a silver altar | TRUE | FALSE |
| • You can start sightseeing in the city of palaces | TRUE | FALSE |
| • Some of the activities you can do in Mexico include water sports | TRUE | FALSE |
| • Why is Mexico called "City of palaces"? | | |



- What kind of activities can you do in Mexico according to the text?

- After reading the article, how can you describe Mexico?

2. Language in Use

- a. Amanda is an expert in Mexican culture. Read and complete the article about a fascinating celebration called "Day of the dead". **Use Present Simple**

BE – PREPARE – DECORATE – TAKE PLACE – HAVE - NOT THINK



Every year, a unique tradition and celebration _____ place in Mexico. It is a two-day holiday that reunite the living and the dead.

Families _____ "ofrendas" to share with their departed relatives.

Many people also _____ altars with colorful flowers.

Skulls _____ usually all over the place. Mexicans _____ this decoration is to honor death but to help their dead relatives to find the way.

Mexicans _____ a wonderful way to honor their families.



- b. Complete this dialog between Amanda and a woman who wants to visit Ecuador. **Make questions using PRESENT SIMPLE**

Amanda: _____?

Woman: **I like the beach and very hot weather.** That's why I'm interested in Ecuador.

Amanda: _____?

Woman: **Yes, I do.** I love flying. So, please, by plane...

Amanda: _____?

Woman: I don't like bed and breakfasts. **I prefer hotels.**

Amanda: _____?

Woman: I want to spend **two weeks** there.



Vocabulary section.

Amanda has to give some tips to a group of tourists who are visiting Europe next month.

Look at the pictures and **complete with one word or one phrase.**

It's important to learn the _____ to communicate with local people.		Be careful with the _____ because you may lose money.	
Is really important to have a nice place to sleep.		You shouldn't go during the _____ because there are too many people. It can be uncomfortable and exhausting.	

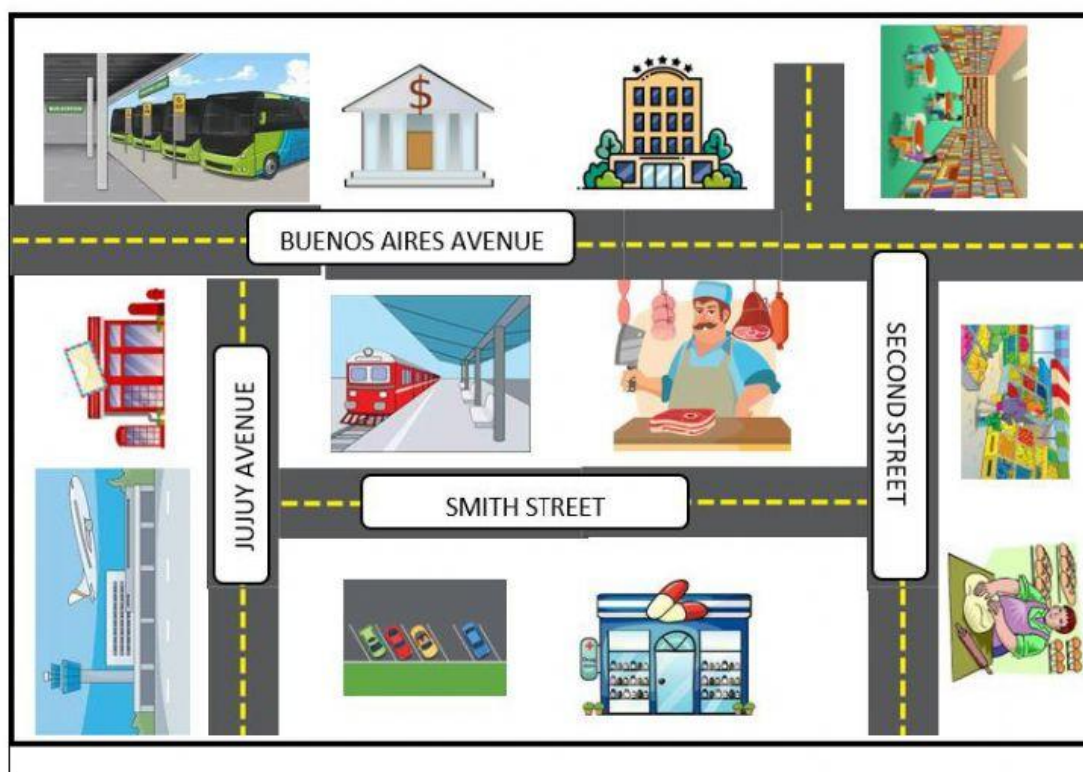
Check the _____ before going so you can choose appropriate outfits.		Your _____ is the place that you are going to visit.	
Be sure you don't take a lot of _____.		_____ are the people who will help you to organize your trips.	



Time to give directions.

Help tourists to go around this city... **Write directions using expressions such as go straight, turn right, turn left on Second Avenue...**

- How do you get from the hotel to the airport?
- How do you get from the bus station to the market?
- How do you get from the parking lot to the bank?





3. Writing task

Write brief paragraphs using your own ideas and vocabulary from the units.

Remarkable celebrations and landmarks?

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Why is "El Cabildo" important?
What do people do there every May, 25th?



Why is Gêmes Monument an important place?
What do people do there every day?

