

## Developing writing

### A travel blog

- 1 **DISCUSS** Which of these things are important for you to have a great holiday? Decide together and put them in order of importance 1–8 (1 = very important).

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|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| • food        | <input type="checkbox"/> | • activities         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • shopping    | <input type="checkbox"/> | • the place you stay | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • sightseeing | <input type="checkbox"/> | • the destination    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • relaxing    | <input type="checkbox"/> | • the weather        | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- 2 Read the travel blog. Which of the things in 1 does Malia mention?

## EXPLORING ECUADOR

### Day 1 – Quito

Hi! I'm Malia and this is my first travel blog. I'm travelling around Ecuador with my mum, dad and Tom (my brother). We arrived in Quito after a 16-hour flight. It was awful. I hate flying! We were exhausted. We stayed in the old town – it has lots of narrow streets with local restaurants and fruit sellers. We loved the daily almuerzo lunches – they're delicious.

### Day 2 – Mindo

We travelled to Mindo to visit the cloud forest today. We saw amazing waterfalls and exotic birds – it was so beautiful. Tom and I climbed down a waterfall then we all went by boat along the Pichan river. The water was freezing and very fast!

### Day 3 – Otavalo market

Today we visited a famous market in the town of Otavalo – it's huge, colourful, and noisy. I loved it! Local people in their traditional clothes sell almost everything. I bought some beautiful earrings and Tom bought a tiny guitar.



### Days 4 – Cayambe Coca

Our last trip was to Cayambe Coca – it's a national park and has a really tall volcano. There are bears and other wild animals as well as spectacular views. It's incredible to be so close to nature! We walked up the volcano, then came down by bike!

- 3 Read the Writing bank and match the underlined extreme adjectives in the travel blog to their meanings.

### Writing bank Extreme adjectives

Extreme adjectives are like other adjectives but they add emphasis to the meaning.

Note: we don't use very with extreme adjectives.

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| 1 <u>delicious</u> | – very tasty     |
| 2                  | – very tired     |
| 3                  | – very beautiful |
| 4                  | – very bad       |
| 5                  | – very good      |
| 6                  | – very cold      |
| 7                  | – very big       |
| 8                  | – very small     |

- 4 What do the extreme adjectives in 3 describe in the travel blog?

delicious = 'almuerzo' lunches

### Practice makes perfect

- 5a Choose a country or place to write a travel blog about. Do some research and plan what to write. Remember to ...

- use the list in 1 to help you
- write about four days of your trip, use headings for each day
- use extreme adjectives to describe your experiences.

- 5b When you finish your blog, use the Writing checklist on page 149 to check it.