Unit 6: Tourism

HIKING THE INCA TRAIL

Words

Write the letter of each definition with the word it defines. If you don't know the definition, use the context of the reading passage to help you. Look for the words in bold as you read the passage.

PARAGRAPH 1

Words	Definitions
1 ..... imagination	**A** adj., related to traditional or formal practices
2 ..... archeologist[1]	**B** v., to build
3 ..... native	**C** adj., original to a place
4 ..... site	**D** n., place
5 ..... ceremonial	**E** adv., exactly
6 ..... construct	**F** n., the ability to think creatively or form pictures in the mind
7 ..... precisely	**G** n., a person who studies ancient cultures

PARAGRAPHS 2–3

Words	Definitions
8 ..... spectacular	**H** n., a wonderful thing
9 ..... mystery	**I** v., to attract; pull
10 ..... draw	**J** adj., daring; willing to try new or dangerous activities
11 ..... adventurous	**K** n., a system of various parts that work together
12 ..... network	**L** adj., wonderful to see
13 ..... marvel	**M** n., something strange, unknown, or difficult to understand

[1]BrE: archaeologist

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PARAGRAPH 4

Words	Definitions
14 ..... institute	**N** n., something expensive and desirable but unnecessary
15 ..... restriction	**O** adj., reachable; easy to get
16 ..... preserve	**P** n., advantage; good part
17 ..... pertain	**Q** n., an official limit on something
18 ..... luxury	**R** v., to start; put in place
19 ..... accessible	**S** v., to protect; save
20 ..... upside	**T** v., be related to something

Reading

Hiking the Inca Trail

(1) Sitting high in the Andes Mountains in Peru, the ancient ruins of Machu Picchu have captured the **imaginations** of travelers[1] ever since they were rediscovered by **archeologist** Hiram Bingham in 1911. The name Machu Picchu means "old peak" in the **native** Incan language, and the **site** had probably been considered a sacred place since long before the ancient Incas arrived there. The Incas built a **ceremonial** city on the site that included palaces, temples, storage rooms, baths, and houses, all **constructed** from heavy blocks of granite fitted **precisely** together. Although little is known about the activities that took place in the ancient city, it appears that one of its functions was as an astronomical observatory. The so-called Intihuatana stone, located at the site, was used to mark the autumn and spring equinoxes as well as other astronomical events.

(2) The **spectacular** natural setting, the wonders of architectural and engineering skills embodied in the well-preserved buildings, and the **mysteries** of the ancient culture **draw** thousands of tourists from around the world every year. The nearest city is Cuzco, about thirty miles away. From there, tourists can take trains and buses to the ruins. A popular route for the more **adventurous** is to hike along the Inca Trail. The ancient Inca created a **network** of trails throughout the mountains, some of which are still in existence. The Inca Trail to Machu Picchu, used by hikers today, was likely considered a sacred route in its time, used by travelers making pilgrimages to that ceremonial site.

[1]BrE: travellers

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(3) While the Inca Trail leads to the wonders of Machu Picchu, it offers many **marvels** of its own. Hikers are treated to magnificent views of glacier-covered peaks above and tropical valleys below in their journey over high mountain passes. Many species of orchids can be seen, as well as all kinds of birds, from tiny hummingbirds to the splendid Andean condor. The Inca Trail also passes by ruins of other ceremonial sites on the way to the grand destination of Machu Picchu.

(4) Tourists have been hiking the Inca Trail since the early part of the twentieth century, and for much of that time there were no regulations. Hikers could travel when they pleased and camp wherever they chose. However, the trip has become so popular that in 2005, the Peruvian government **instituted** a set of **restrictions** on the use of the trail. To protect the natural environment and **preserve** the ruins, no more than 500 people a day are allowed to enter the trail. Because each group that sets out includes guides and porters, the number of tourists entering the trail each day is probably closer to 200. In addition, both tour companies and individual guides must be licensed. There are also legal requirements that **pertain** to the minimum wage that porters must be paid as well as the maximum weight load they can be required to carry. Fees for trail use help pay for upkeep of the trail and the ruins. All these regulations and fees combine for a more expensive trip, and this has made it a **luxury accessible** to fewer people. The **upside** is that the environment and the workers are protected.

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Answer the questions about **Hiking the Inca Trail**.

Questions 1–9

Complete the summary below.
Choose ***NO MORE THAN ONE WORD*** *from the text for each answer.*

Machu Picchu is an ancient **1**..... city in the Andes Mountains of Peru. It was rediscovered by an **2**..... in 1911. It is not precisely clear how the ancient Inca used the site, but experts believe that at least some of its **3**..... pertained to astronomy. The wonders of Machu Picchu **4**..... visitors from all around the world. Many visitors like to reach the site by hiking the Inca Trail, part of a **5**..... of trails originally made by the ancient Inca. This is a trip for **6**..... people. Along the way, hikers can enjoy many **7**..... such as spectacular views and interesting flowers and birds. Because such large numbers of people use the Inca Trail, the Peruvian government has had to take steps to **8**..... the ruins and the environment. It has instituted a number of restrictions as well as fees. Because of this, hiking the trail has become an expensive **9**..... that many people cannot afford.

Word Families

A

Complete each sentence with the correct word from the word family chart. Make nouns plural where necessary. Use the correct form of verbs.

noun	noun	verb	adjective	adjective
access	accessibility	access	accessible	inaccessible

1 Machu Picchu is ..... by plane, train, or hiking.

2 Machu Picchu was ..... to most people before they built the train from Cuzco.

3 Nowadays, fewer people can ..... the site because the trip has become so expensive.

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4 The train from Cuzco increases ..... to Machu Picchu.

5 The Inca Trail provides one way to gain ..... to Machu Picchu.

noun	noun	adjective	adverb
adventure	adventurer	adventurous	adventurously

6 Our trip to Machu Picchu was a great ..... .

7 ..... people enjoy hiking in the Andes Mountains.

8 We felt like modern-day ..... as we hiked the Inca Trail.

9 We hiked ..... over tall peaks and steep cliffs.

noun	noun	adjective
archeologist	archeology	archeological

10 The field of ..... has taught us a great deal about the ancient world.

11 Machu Picchu is one of the most visited ..... sites in the world.

12 An ..... is interested in ancient cultures.

noun	verb	adjective	adjective
luxury	luxuriate	luxurious	luxuriously

13 A simple bed felt ..... after a week-long hiking trip.

14 After we returned from a week of hiking in the mountains, we ..... in the comfort of our beds.

15 We dined ..... on champagne and chocolate.

16 Hiring porters to carry your equipment on a hiking trip is quite a ..... .

noun	verb	adjective
restriction	restrict	restrictive

17 ..... are necessary to preserve the environment.

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18 The government ..... large numbers of people from entering the area.

19 The rules may seem ....., but they are meant to protect the area.

noun	adjective	adverb
precision	precise	precisely

20 Archeologists have many theories but few ..... ideas about the ceremonial functions of Machu Picchu.

21 We arrived at the site at ..... five o'clock.

22 The blocks were fitted together with great ..... .

Word Families

B

Choose the correct word family member from the list below to complete each blank.

1	access	accesses	accessible
2	restrictions	restricted	restrictive
3	luxury	luxurious	luxuriously
4	archeology	archeologist	archeological
5	precision	precise	precisely
6	adventure	adventurer	adventurous

Hiking the Inca trail is a popular way to **1**..... Machu Picchu. However, the Peruvian government has **2**..... use of the trail, so not everyone is able to make the trip. The upside is that hiking is not the only way to get there, and because it is not a particularly **3**..... way to travel, other methods might be preferable. You can get to the

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4..... site by train and bus, and they will get you there much faster than hiking. When you arrive in Cuzco, you can check the schedules. You may not be able to leave at **5**..... the time you wish, but you should be able to work out a schedule that is convenient. Whatever method you choose to get there, a trip to Machu Picchu is always a great **6**..... .

Paraphrases

Read the sentence from the reading passage. Then, choose the sentence that has the same meaning.

1 *The spectacular natural setting, the wonders of architectural and engineering skills embodied in the well-preserved buildings, and the mysteries of the ancient culture draw thousands of tourists from around the world every year.* (paragraph 2)

A The number of people who visit Machu Picchu is amazing.
B The beauties of Machu Picchu attract visitors from all over the world.
C Most people who visit Machu Picchu think it is wonderful.

2 *However, the trip has become so popular that in 2005, the Peruvian government instituted a set of restrictions on the use of the trail.* (paragraph 4)

A In 2005, the government started counting the number of people using the trail.
B The government reports that since 2005, fewer people have been using the trail.
C In 2005, the government created limits because so many people were using the trail.

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Dictionary Skill

DIFFERENT MEANINGS

Many words have more than one meaning.

Read the definitions below. Then read the sentences and write the letter of the correct definition for each sentence.

QUESTIONS 1–2

in-sti-tute [IN-sti-toot]
A *verb.* to start, put in place
B *noun.* a type of organization

..... **1** The government founded an *institute* of archeology to promote the study of ancient cultures.

..... **2** The school plans to *institute* a summer program for students who are interested in archeology.

QUESTIONS 3–4

draw [DRAW]
A *verb.* to attract, pull
B *verb.* to make a picture using pencils or crayons

..... **3** People like to *draw* the beautiful mountain scenery they see around Machu Picchu.

..... **4** The interesting birds and flowers *draw* many people to the mountains around Machu Picchu.

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Listening

Track 16

Listen to the talk.
Complete the information about the archeological site.
*Write **NO MORE THAN ONE WORD** for each answer.*

Information for Visitors

Restrictions:
Stay on the **1**..... of paths.
2..... the buildings between 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. only.
Enter the **3**..... area only with a guide.

Entry Fees:
Adults: $15
Children: $10

4..... crafts are available for sale in the gift shop.

Writing (Task 2)

Large numbers of visitors can endanger ancient archeological sites such as Machu Picchu. In your opinion, is it more important to try to preserve such sites or to allow public access to them?

Support your opinion with reasons and examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Speaking

Talk about the following topics.

What kinds of adventures are attractive to you?

What kinds of luxuries do you enjoy?

Is it important to you to have luxuries? Why or why not?

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