

Listening

10  Listen to a conversation between a girl, Jess, and a boy, Sam. Choose the best summary of their conversation.

- A They are discussing their holidays this summer.
- B They are discussing the cheapest ways to travel.
- C Jess is talking about an experience she had on holiday.

Score ___/1

11 Listen again. Are the statements True (T) or False (F)?

- 1 Jess had been in a helicopter before. **T / F**
- 2 She wasn't alone in the helicopter. **T / F**
- 3 Sam has bought a return ticket to Munich. **T / F**
- 4 He expects the weather to be bad. **T / F**
- 5 Sam doesn't want to spend a lot of money. **T / F**
- 6 They both agree that trains are a good way to travel. **T / F**

Score ___/6

12 Listen again and choose the best answers.

- 1 Jess chose a short helicopter tour because she ...
 - A was a bit frightened.
 - B didn't have much time.
 - C didn't have enough money.
- 2 After her helicopter ride, Jess ...
 - A isn't sure how she feels about heights.
 - B is less nervous about heights.
 - C doesn't want to fly in a helicopter again.
- 3 They learned some interesting facts about Los Angeles ...
 - A from the Internet.
 - B from the pilot.
 - C from a guide book.
- 4 Sam will be on holiday for ...
 - A 33 days.
 - B one month.
 - C 15 days.
- 5 Jess recommends ...
 - A a motel.
 - B a hotel.
 - C a hostel.

Score ___/5

Reading

Subway in the sky**The most spectacular transport system in the world.**

Visiting La Paz, Bolivia, was very challenging for tourists in the past. They either used to have to walk everywhere or risk their lives using small minibuses, which looked like they were going to break down at any moment. The city is surrounded by hills and mountains so transport along the ground took a long time. As one of the highest cities in the world, its districts range from 3,170 metres to 3,600 metres above sea level. Because of this, most tourists used to stay in the city centre.

But now tourists can get around the city on its amazing cable car system, the *teleférico*, which opened in 2014. It's the highest cable car system in the world, operating 4,000 metres above sea level. Instead of a subway or underground, the neighbourhoods in La Paz are now linked by cable car lines. The system consists of eight lines: red, yellow, green, blue, orange, white, sky blue and purple. It runs on electricity and it is silent and quick.

A single ticket costs just three bolivianos – around 30 cents, and it can get you to most of the main tourist sites, with the most spectacular views of the city on the way. For example, you can get on the red line in the city centre where it starts, and in 20 minutes it will take you all the way to El Alto, the end of the line. There, you can get off and enjoy amazing views of the snowy mountains or experience local Bolivian life at the largest open-air market in the world. From the end of the line, a short ten-minute taxi ride will get you to La Paz's international airport.

The operators are proud that the cable car is the most popular tourist attraction in the city. And it doesn't just transport tourists, it gets children to school and people to work in half or a third of the time it used to take them. It's also cheaper than other types of transport. Local people are delighted. 'I used to travel for three or four hours to go shopping', says Mónica Pérez, a secondary school teacher. Now, the journey is much quicker.

Mercedes Blanco, a student, is equally happy and says her stress levels are much lower. 'Before, I had to take three buses to get to college. The road was noisy and polluted. It's much better now', she says. The journey is actually relaxing, floating above the city looking down on small office buildings, football fields and rivers. It's a quiet and calm start to the day.

13 Read the magazine article and choose the best answers.

- 1 Why did getting around La Paz used to be difficult?
A Because there weren't many minibuses.
B Because the different parts of the city are at different heights.
C Because walking was dangerous.
- 2 How did tourists used to get around La Paz?
A by subway
B by car
C on foot
- 3 What can you do at the end of the red line?
A visit an indoor market
B climb the mountain
C see spectacular scenery
- 4 Why do the local people like the *teleférico*?
A It's cleaner than the buses.
B It saves time and money.
C They can meet the tourists.
- 5 Which of these facts about the *teleférico* is true?
A It's also a tourist attraction.
B It has created more pollution.
C It's quite loud.

Score ____/5