

UNIT 2 - AROUND THE WORLD

Lesson 2a – Reading

1. Read the text and correct the sentences.

CYCLING AROUND THE WORLD



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In 2008, Mark Beaumont cycled around the world in 194 days. But other cyclists did it faster after that, and in 2015, New Zealander Andrew Nicholson broke the record. ... Mark didn't get upset or angry, however – he just started planning how to get it back! Obviously, cycling isn't the same as sailing, and you can't travel around the world on a bike in one continuous journey. The rules are that the cyclist needs to cover a distance of 18,000 miles. ... So Mark planned to cycle from Paris across Europe and Asia, then fly down to Australia to cross that country and New Zealand. After, he'd fly to North America to cross the continent before returning, again by plane, to Portugal and cycling back up to Paris. He decided that he would try to do it in 80 days, just like Phileas Fogg in the Jules Verne novel *Around the World in 80 Days*. That would mean cycling 240 miles a day. He could only sleep 5 hours per night, and would be on his bike for 16 hours daily. Many said it was impossible. Mark didn't think it was, but he knew that it wouldn't

be easy. ... They would travel with him in vans and help him with his food, accommodation and any problems his bike had.

... In some places it was freezing, in others it was very hot. He cycled through rain and wind. Smoke from forest fires in North America made breathing hard. He had two falls, one in Asia which needed his team to do some work on his teeth – there by the side of the road! Though there weren't any other injuries, the pain from such a difficult journey felt like it would never end.

On 18th September 2017, Mark rode back into Paris. A crowd of people were waiting for him. The journey took 78 days, 14 hours and 40 minutes, so he beat Phileas Fogg. He also beat Nicholson's record – by over 44 days! Apart from being in a lot of pain, he described another strange effect. Because he was cycling all the time, he hardly walked at all, so after his return, he found walking very hard. ... But he didn't mind – he was the world record holder again!

Example: Andrew Nicholson broke the World Record in 2008.

Correct: Andrew Nicholson broke the World Record in 2015.

a. To break the record, you have to cycle 18,000 kilometres.

b. Mark planned to visit North America before Australia.

- c. To succeed, Mark needed to cycle for five hours a day.
- d. Mark fell off his bike twice in Asia.
- e. Mark completed his bike journey in 44 days.

2. Read the text and put the events (a-g) in the order they happened.

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|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a. Mark cycled through smoke from fires. | | | | | | | |
| b. Mark damaged his teeth in an accident. | | | | | | | |
| c. Mark cycled into Paris. | | | | | | | |
| d. Mark cycled around the world in 194 days. | | | | | | | |
| e. Mark flew from North America to Europe. | | | | | | | |
| f. Mark flew from Asia to Australia. | | | | | | | |
| g. Mark left Paris. | | | | | | | |

3. Read through the text. Five sentences are missing. Choose from sentences A-H below. There are three sentences that you do not need to use.

- A. He or she also has to travel through two places on opposite sides of the world.
- B. He was just coming out of that area when he had some bad news.
- C. In fact, at first he couldn't go up and down stairs!
- D. Mark described the journey as the hardest thing in his life.
- E. Andrew Nicholson called him personally to congratulate him.
- F. He completed the ride in 123 days, 1 hour and 6 minutes.
- G. He told reporters there that the last part was the hardest.
- H. To be successful, he needed a team to support him.

A B C D E F G H

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Lesson 2b – Vocabulary

Travel / Transport

4. Label the pictures.

jet

cab

ferry

tram

van

motorbike



5. Fill in:

queues

baggage

boarding

flight

gate

security

arrival

departure

So you're at the airport, two hours before your

1) leaves.

What now?

PROBLEM-
FREE
TRAVEL

- Get your 2) pass and check in. That means you don't have to carry any 3) except hand luggage around the airport.
- Go through 4) early. There can be long 5) !
- Check the 6) time at your destination carefully. If you're getting in late, buy some food in the airport shops in case everything's shut.
- Check which 7) you'll board at. Be careful – some can be a 15-minute walk or even a short train ride away!
- The time of 8) can change, so keep an eye on the information screens and listen for announcements.

WEATHER

6. Complete the gaps. The first letter is given.

- a. It's **f** _____ tonight, with ice everywhere.
- b. It's hot here, and in the wet season it's **h** _____.
- c. The winter was **m** _____. It never went below 15°C.
- d. It was a warm **b** _____ day, perfect for flying a kite.
- e. There was a nice **c** _____ breeze that wasn't too cold.
- f. It was a **c** _____ night and the sky was full of stars.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

7. Read the clues and write the words. The first letter is given.

- a. a room on a cruise ship **c** _____
- b. a place where backpackers stay **h** _____
- c. where you can stay at a campsite **t** _____
- d. a room with a bed for two people **d** _____ **r** _____
- e. the period of time spent in a hotel **s** _____

REVIEW

8. Read the text and choose the correct answers.

BAD SPELLING CAN RUIN A HOLIDAY

Visiting Sydney, Australia, with **1)** ... like the Sydney Opera House, was Kingsley Burnett's dream. One day he booked a flight and started dreaming about getting **2)** ... the plane to his dream destination. But when he had to change planes in Billings, Montana, he saw that the plane was only big enough for nine **3)** ... ! He soon found out that it wasn't **4)** ... to Sydney, Australia, but Sidney, Montana! The weather there was freezing, not **5)** ... and warm as it was in Australia. Luckily, a lady in Billings made him a **6)** ... at a hotel, and he flew back home to New York the next day to book the correct ticket!

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|---|--|---|--|--|
| 1 | ☐ A attractions | ☐ B embassies | ☐ C facilities | ☐ D announcements |
| 2 | ☐ A in | ☐ B out | ☐ C out of | ☐ D on |
| 3 | ☐ A guides | ☐ B passengers | ☐ C backpackers | ☐ D souvenirs |
| 4 | ☐ A sailing | ☐ B flying | ☐ C riding | ☐ D driving |
| 5 | ☐ A calm | ☐ B breeze | ☐ C cloudy | ☐ D rainy |
| 6 | ☐ A cabin | ☐ B facility | ☐ C reservation | ☐ D stay |