

Skills Test Unit 10

Everyday English

1 Complete the dialogue with phrases A–E.

Customer ¹ _____ ?

Assistant Entrance to the theme park is free, but you pay for the attractions and rides.

Customer Could you tell us how much they cost?

Assistant ² _____. They cost between one and five euros.

Customer ³ _____ ?

Assistant No, ⁴ _____ .

Customer ⁵ _____ ?

Assistant The park itself is open twenty-four hours a day, but the attractions and rides close at 10 p.m.

- A Yes, of course
- B What time does it close
- C Is there a discount for students
- D How much do tickets to the theme park cost
- E I'm afraid not

Listening

2 🎧 Listen to an advert for an adventure holiday camp. Complete the sentences with one word.

- 1 You can cycle and walk on paths that are more than _____ km long.
- 2 Whistler camp is for people aged _____ and older.
- 3 You can try mountain biking and rock _____ .
- 4 Before you go _____ , you will learn some survival skills.
- 5 It could be the best _____ you have ever had.

3 🎧 Listen again. Decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Camp Whistler is in British Columbia. _____
- 2 The camp runs in June and July. _____
- 3 You will learn sports and activities on your own. _____
- 4 You need to have camping experience. _____
- 5 You can contact Whistler Camp by phone. _____

Reading

Around the World with Michael Palin

Have you ever heard of Michael Palin? He is an English comedian, actor, writer and television presenter, but he is also famous for his travel documentaries. He has appeared in many successful comedies and films, and has won the BAFTA award for best actor. He acted in TV comedies in the 1970s and 1980s, and then he began travelling and filming travel documentaries. His journeys have taken him across the world. He's been to the North and South Poles, the Sahara Desert, the Himalayas, and Eastern Europe, and most recently he's travelled and filmed in Brazil.

Palin's first travel documentary was part of the 1980 BBC Television series *Great Railway Journeys of the World*, and other travel documentaries followed soon after. In *Pole to Pole* he travelled from the North to the South Pole, going over land through Europe and Africa, and following as closely as possible the thirty-degree line of longitude. *Around the World in 80 Days* was another popular travel documentary – he travelled the path that Jules Verne described in his 1873 adventure novel. He wasn't allowed to travel by plane. His journey in this documentary was on land by car, train and bus and by sea.

Is there anywhere Palin hasn't been? Actually, he has travelled to most parts of the world. He's been to the beaches and temples of Asia, he's seen waterfalls and volcanoes, he's been to the Sahara desert, he's climbed mountains in the Himalayas, and has visited many cities in Eastern and Central Europe. He's not just a traveller though; he's a travel writer, too. He has written lots of travel books which are illustrated by photographs from his travels, and are usually published soon after his trips. Seven of his travel books have been made into audio books, and Palin has recorded all of them.

Palin has been an important TV personality in the UK and around the world, and has even had an asteroid and two trains named after him. He has been unofficially named as 'Britain's Nicest Man' and is partly responsible for the increase in tourists to some of the places featured in his programmes. One example is his visit to Machu Picchu; this caused an increase in the number of tourists to Peru. According to Michael, his favourite place in the world is Pongo de Mainique, a canyon below Machu Picchu.

Ex.4 Read the text and decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Michael Palin is famous for writing and directing films. ____
- 2 He started doing TV documentaries in the 80s. ____
- 3 His first documentary was about railways. ____
- 4 Michael Palin has never been to Brazil ____
- 5 He travelled between the two Poles by plane. ____
- 6 *Around the World in 80 Days* followed the path of a famous explorer. ____
- 7 He has written many travel books. ____
- 8 Palin does the voice recording of all of his audio books. ____
- 9 Palin has been given the unofficial title of 'UK TV personality'. ____
- 10 Some destinations have become popular because of his TV documentaries. ____