# 4 READING

EXAM PREPARATION • Exercise 2: *Cambridge B2 First for Schools* Reading and Use of English Part 6

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## Dutch girl fakes a holiday to South East Asia

We all know how easy it is to fake a photo these days, but what about trying to fake an entire holiday? [1] F

Zilla told her family that she was going on holiday to South East Asia. In fact, she wasn't going anywhere. After her parents had said goodbye to her at the airport, she took the train back to her apartment and began the task of faking her trip by posting 'holiday' photos on Facebook.

At first, she set up her apartment so it resembled a Bangkok hotel room. It must have been impressive as her parents and friends never suspected anything when she video called them from there. [2] ___ To do this, she found images online and then with the help of her boyfriend, used photo software to digitally place herself as the subject in these impressive shots. They must have made quite an impact as they were liked hundreds of times on social media.

Zilla didn't only use technology to make her images. By chance, she found a Buddhist temple in Amsterdam where she could shoot 'real' photos of herself with the monks who lived there. [3] ___

The project might not have fooled anyone if she had been less careful. [4] ___ She sent messages to her friends in the middle of the night, and created fake profiles of new friends she had made on her trip. She even remembered to buy souvenirs from local Asian shops.

In the end, Zilla revealed to her friends and family what she had done. [5] ___ But why did she do it? She was concerned that people accepted everything they saw on social media as real. With this experiment, she wanted to show how easy it is to create a fake world on social media, and how common it is for people to alter reality in their own lives.

### An article

**Skill UP!** Often, a paragraph in a text focuses on a single topic, and all the sentences in that paragraph present ideas about that topic. These ideas are connected via linkers (e.g. *and*, *because*) and reference words (e.g. *it*, *them*, *these*, *their*, *one*) that refer back or forward to other ideas.

**1** ★☆☆ **Read the *Skill UP!* and the article. Choose the correct answers.**

1 Zilla's … thought she was going on holiday.
A boyfriend B family

2 Zilla tried to convince people she was on holiday by posting … on social media.
A stories B photos

3 She tricked her parents into thinking that her home was ….
A an apartment B a hotel room

4 She took some photos of herself at a temple ….
A near her home B in Asia

5 To make the holiday seem real, she also bought … from shops in Amsterdam.
A souvenirs B Asian clothes

6 Zilla faked her holiday because she wanted to show how easy it was ….
A to go on holiday without leaving your home B to show an unreal life on social media



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