LIFE VISION Pre-intermediate A2/B1

Name: _____

A Grammar: Past simple

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

We are having a brilliant time on our trip to the Atlantic coast of south-west Spain. Yesterday, I [1] _____(go) surfing for the first time. At first, I [2] _____(not / like) it at all. It [3] _____(be) really difficult, and I [4] _____(not / can) stand up on the board. Then the instructor [5] _____(help) me and told me what to do. I [6] _____(relax) and I felt much happier.

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B Grammar: Past simple questions

Complete the questions with the correct past simple form of the verb in brackets.

1 Where _____(you / go) on holiday last year?
2 _____(they / stay) in a hotel?
3 _____(it / be) Zak's first time on a plane?
4 What _____(be) the best thing on the trip?
5 _____(you / can) go swimming?
6 Who _____(take) that photo?

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C Grammar: Past simple questions

Complete the questions with one word.

1 'What ___ the food like last night?''Delicious!'
2 'Where ___ they fly from last time?''Buenos Aires.'
3 '___ the weather good yesterday?''Not bad.'
4 '___ you travel alone last weekend?''No, with my brother.'
5 '___ forgot the passports?''My dad.'
6 '___ did you buy this morning?''A book about castles.'

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D Vocabulary: Understanding topic vocabulary

Choose the correct words from the box to complete the sentences. There are three words you do not need.

1 It's hot today – remember to bring _____!
2 I didn't enjoy visiting the _____ because it was so dark!
3 We learned a lot from listening to the _____ in the museum.
4 Did you see any _____, like lions, on safari?
5 It was great to leave the city and go walking in the _____.
6 I loved the paintings in the _____, especially the Van Gogh.

audio guide
cave
countryside
equipment
exhibition
canoeing
ruins
suncream
wildlife

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E Vocabulary: Understanding topic vocabulary

Choose the correct words from the box to complete the text. There are three words you do not need.

Last summer, my family went to France. We put our [1] _____ – four big bags – in the [2] _____ of the car and drove to the [3] _____ in the south of England to cross the sea by [4] _____. We had to wait one hour because it was [5] _____, but it was a [6] _____ way to travel because we took the car on the boat.

boot
train
convenient
gate
port
departure
luggage
ferry
delayed

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F Vocabulary: Understanding topic vocabulary

Choose the correct words from the box to complete the sentences. There are three words you do not need.

1 I need to _____ two bags for the flight.
2 There was a long _____ of people. They were waiting for the bus.
3 When I _____ the bus, I walk to school.
4 This train goes through a long _____ under a mountain.
5 Our plane leaves from _____ 25 in one hour.
6 You can't _____ the plane with all those bags!

queue
departure
gate
passenger
board
check in
tunnel
miss
cross

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G Reading: Identifying specific information

Read the article from a travel magazine and choose the best option to answer the questions.

An Alternative Plan

The most popular attractions aren't always the best!

Get a better picture

Tourists wait for hours outside the Eiffel Tower to buy a ticket to see Paris from above. The view is free if you go to the top of the Printemps department store on the other side of the river Seine. You also get the Eiffel Tower in your photos.

Take a quick trip

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It's a good thing you don't have to pay to see the Little Mermaid statue at Langelinie Pier in Copenhagen, Denmark – it's only 1.25 metres high! There are larger and more interesting pieces of work in the Sculpture Park of the Louisiana Museum a short train ride away.

A secret place

Many tourists visit Pachacámac, a famous Inca city in Peru. However, the most popular destination in the country is Machu Picchu, another Inca city, which welcomes over one million people every year. Both places get crowded! However, less than 50 km away from Machu Picchu, there's a larger Inca site called Choquequirao. It's more difficult to get to, so very few visitors go there.

Small is beautiful

Marrakech in Morocco is an important tourist destination. So is Casablanca, which is famous because of the 1942 movie named after it. Fewer tourists visit the fishing port of Essaouira. It's smaller than the other cities, but just as interesting.

Same scenery, no crowds

The most popular island in Indonesia is Bali, which can get very busy. The island of Flores is further from the main airport in Bali (there are no direct international flights to the island), but it has fantastic beaches just like all the Indonesian islands. Apart from the Komodo National Park, Flores is the only island where you can see Komodo Dragons – the most amazing reptiles.

Pay less and relax

More tourists go to Iceland today than in the past, and many of them spend time relaxing in the hot water of the Blue Lagoon. Iceland has many other hot baths, however, such as Mývatn Nature Baths further north. These are often much cheaper.

1 Where does the writer say is a good place to take a photo of Paris?

A ☐ The top of a department store
B ☐ The top of the Eiffel tower
C ☐ Next to the river Seine

2 Where is the statue of the Little Mermaid?

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A ☐ The Louisiana Museum
B ☐ The Sculpture Park
C ☐ Langelinie Pier

3 Which ancient Inca site does the writer suggest visiting?
A ☐ Choquequirao
B ☐ Machu Picchu
C ☐ Pachacámac

4 Why does the writer suggest visiting Essaouira?
A ☐ It is more famous than Casablanca.
B ☐ It is more interesting than Marrakech.
C ☐ It is smaller than Casablanca and Marrakech.

5 What does the island of Flores have that you can't find on Bali?
A ☐ Unusual wildlife
B ☐ Beautiful beaches
C ☐ An international airport

6 Why does the writer suggest going to the Mývatn Nature Baths?
A ☐ It is more relaxing than the Blue Lagoon.
B ☐ It is cheaper than the Blue Lagoon.
C ☐ It is further north than the Blue Lagoon.

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H Listening: Understanding general meaning

Listen to the conversation and answer the question.

1 What is the man's job?
A ☐ Pilot
B ☐ Tour guide
C ☐ Instructor

2 Where are the two friends?
A ☐ The train station
B ☐ The bus station
C ☐ The airport

3 What are the two people discussing?
A ☐ Things to do on a trip
B ☐ Which flight to book
C ☐ When to go on a trip

4 Why is the woman going to Manchester?
A ☐ To take a test
B ☐ To visit friends
C ☐ To go shopping

5 What does Linda explain?
A ☐ What she ate
B ☐ Who she met
C ☐ Where she went

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6 What did the woman do when her holiday went wrong?

A ☐ She shouted.
B ☐ She moved.
C ☐ She complained.

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I Speaking: Maintaining a conversation

Read the dialogues and choose the correct answer.

1 **Girl** __ was your weekend?
Boy It wasn't bad, thanks.
A ☐ What B ☐ How C ☐ Where

2 **Boy** I went climbing last Saturday.
Girl __ Did you have fun?
A ☐ And you? B ☐ Do you? C ☐ Really?

3 **Girl** I missed the basketball competition because I was ill.
Boy __ Are you feeling better now?
A ☐ That's amazing. B ☐ That's sad. C ☐ That's interesting.

4 **Boy** We visited my grandparents yesterday.
Girl __ How were they?
A ☐ Did you? B ☐ Have you? C ☐ Were you?

5 **Girl** I got a surprise present yesterday!
Boy __ What was it?
A ☐ How awful! B ☐ How about you? C ☐ How lovely!

6 **Boy** What did you think of the exhibition?
Girl I thought it was awesome. __
A ☐ And you? B ☐ Were you? C ☐ Really?

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J Writing: Making writing more interesting

Read the text and choose the correct answers.

Last year, I went on a fantastic holiday to Egypt. We saw some [1] __ things. My favourite place was the pyramids at Giza. It was really exciting to see something that old. They are just so [2] __. It's probably the most [3] __ historical site in the world – everyone knows it. We went early in the morning, so it wasn't too [4] __ and uncomfortable. We watched a [5] __ sunrise when we were there. Some people think that's [6] __ but I loved it!

1 A ☐ amazing B ☐ boring C ☐ tiring

2 A ☐ modern B ☐ average C ☐ ancient

3 A ☐ enormous B ☐ famous C ☐ ordinary

4 A ☐ far B ☐ long C ☐ hot

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5 A ☐ general B ☐ beautiful C ☐ popular

6 A ☐ boring B ☐ average C ☐ perfect

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Test score

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