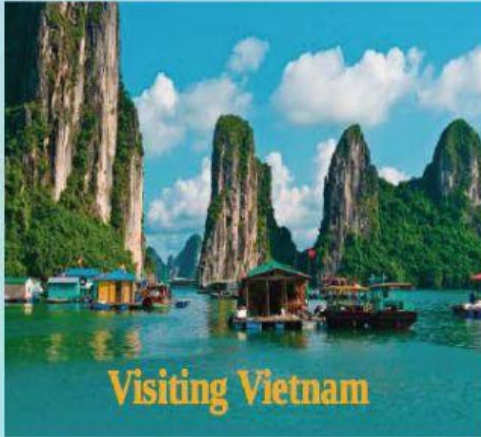


T/F statements

Preparing for the task

1 ★ Read statements 1 & 2 below. Then read the first paragraph of the text. Pay attention to the underlined words/phrases. Are statements 1 & 2 true or false? How did the underlined words/phrases help you?



What comes to mind when you think of Vietnam? Most people picture crowded streets and hear the roar of speeding motorbikes. In fact, this Southeast Asian country, which borders the sea, is a region of breathtaking natural beauty. One of the most famous tourist destinations in Vietnam is Ha Long Bay. The scenery is stunning, with tiny islands and columns of rock rising from the clear water. For the best views, go on a cruise around the bay. Want to get off the beaten track? Explore nearby Lan Ha Bay instead. It has all the beauty of Ha Long, but few tourists. Vietnam's national parks are also a must for any traveller. They are home to some amazing wildlife, including bears,

leopards and monkeys. The oldest national park is Cuc Phuong. Here, you can trek through the forest, climb mountains, explore caves and maybe even catch a glimpse of Delacour's langur, a very rare species of monkey.

Perhaps you fancy a trip to the beach? Visit Phu Quoc Island and spend your days sunbathing on white sands, or take a diving lesson and explore the beautiful coral reefs. You might even meet a dugong, a gentle sea mammal that weighs over 350 kg!

Vietnam has several large cities, but 70% of the population live in the countryside. To see the real Vietnam, take a trip to the rural areas and stay in the home of a local farming family. For a very reasonable price, you can experience village life and sample some traditional Vietnamese cooking.

Wherever you go in Vietnam, make sure you try the local cuisine. Vietnam is the world's second-largest exporter of rice, but while it's delicious, there's so much more on offer! Try nom hua chuo, a salad made with banana flowers, or pho, a noodle soup and the national dish of Vietnam. Food is at the heart of Vietnamese culture - and it's not hard to see why.

With its incredible natural beauty, friendly locals and delicious food, Vietnam is a paradise for any traveller. Whether you like trekking through the mountains, relaxing on the beach or sampling new dishes, there's something for everyone. Just don't forget to bring your camera - and your appetite!

- 1 The best way to see Ha Long Bay is by boat.
- 2 Lan Ha Bay is quieter than Ha Long Bay.
- 3 Lan Ha Bay is popular with tourists.
- 4 Cuc Phuong is a great destination for hikers.
- 5 Delacour's langurs are a common sight in Vietnam.
- 6 You can learn how to do something on Phu Quoc Island.
- 7 Most Vietnamese people live in cities.
- 8 It's expensive to stay with a local Vietnamese family.
- 9 The writer doesn't recommend eating rice in Vietnam.
- 10 There is a lot of Vietnamese cuisine to choose from.

True False

True False

True False

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True False

True False

2. Match the words 1-7, which are in bold in the text, to their synonyms below.

very small taste see for a moment centre unbelievable tasty more than

- 1 tiny
- 2 catch a glimpse
- 3 over
- 4 sample
- 5 delicious
- 6 heart
- 7 incredible

3. Match the words 1-6, which are underlined in the text, to their opposites below.

unknown common expensive distant dangerous urban

- 1 famous
- 2 nearby
- 3 rare
- 4 gentle
- 5 rural
- 6 reasonable