

Skills Test Unit 10

Listening

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

- 1 The camp is _____ hours from Vancouver.
- 2 Whistler Adventure Camp is for young people aged between thirteen and _____ .
- 3 You can do cycling, hiking and rock climbing, or water sports like _____ .
- 4 Before any camping trip, you learn survival _____ .
- 5 You can contact the camp _____ .

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

- 1 Camp Whistler is in Vancouver. _____
- 2 The camp runs for eight weeks in June and July. _____
- 3 Trainers and coaches will teach you new sports and activities. _____
- 4 You can go camping alone. _____
- 5 Whistler Camp has a website. _____

3 🎧 Listen to Joe, Mary and Oliver talking about exciting things that they have done. Match the speakers to the statements below.

- 6 _____ has ridden a horse in the desert.
- 7 _____ found the people abroad friendly.
- 8 _____ has designed a website advertising her / his business.
- 9 _____ says he / she has never tried eating insects.
- 10 _____ has been to the Alps.

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

- 1 Joe says Thailand is the most beautiful place he has visited. _____
- 2 The street sellers in Bangkok were selling fried burgers. _____
- 3 Mary is setting up a small, local shop. _____
- 4 Oliver enjoys adventure sports. _____
- 5 Oliver won't travel far for adventure sports. _____

Mark: ____ / 10

Everyday English

5 Complete the dialogue with phrases A–E.

Visitor Hello, ¹ _____ Prague Castle. ² _____
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Assistant It opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m. It's closed on Sundays.

Visitor ³ _____, please?

Assistant The basic entrance fee is 250 Czech crowns, and if you want to see St Vitus Cathedral, that's another 150 crowns.

Visitor ⁴ _____?

Assistant Yes, there is. The discounted ticket is 200 crowns, which includes St Vitus Cathedral.

Visitor Can we see the presidential rooms?

Assistant ⁵ _____. They're closed to public.

- A What time does it open
- B No, I'm afraid not
- C Is there a discount for students
- D How much do the tickets cost
- E I'd like some information about

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.

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

- 1 Michael Palin is very famous but has never won any awards. ____
- 2 He has been famous for over forty years. ____
- 3 Palin's TV comedies were before the 90s. ____
- 4 Palin's first documentary was about his trip between the North and South Poles. ____
- 5 He illustrates his books with his own photos. ____
- 6 In the documentary *Around the World in 80 Days*, he travelled by boat, car and plane. ____
- 7 His latest documentary was filmed in Brazil. ____
- 8 He hasn't yet been to Central Europe. ____
- 9 Palin has had an aeroplane named after him. ____
- 10 Machu Picchu is important to Michael Palin. ____

Challenge!

7 Complete the text with the correct answers (a–c).

Holidays are here!

It's that time of the year again. Schools ¹ _____, people are finishing work and booking their holidays, or as the Americans say, ² _____. This summer is very exciting for me because my brother and I are going to travel to America. I ³ _____ to America before. I've been ⁴ _____ before and travelled to many countries in Europe, but I've never been out of Europe. We didn't ⁵ _____ our holiday through a travel agent, and we ⁶ _____ a car when we arrive. When we get there we'll probably stay on camp ⁷ _____ or in cheap bed and breakfasts to save some more money. I bought a guide book on the USA in the market last week; it has ⁸ _____ good tips on what to do in the area where we want to go, which is in the west of the country. I'm so excited about the trip that I packed my bag yesterday!