

Unit 2

Test

Vocabulary

1 Complete the compound nouns with the words below.

guide park resort transport trap holiday

- 1 Newport Southside is a popular beach _____ in Miami, Florida. It has a large hotel complex and is close to some great beaches.
- 2 We used public _____ to travel around Florida. It's cheaper to use the local buses than to hire a car.
- 3 Many people consider Miami to be a tourist _____. Everything is expensive and, in the shops, you can only buy overpriced souvenirs.
- 4 Our tour _____ was fantastic. She knew so much about the city and was really helpful.
- 5 We decided to go on a package _____ because we wanted to have our hotel, food and all our trips organized by our travel company.
- 6 Biscayne is a national _____ near Miami where you can see marine wildlife.

2 Complete the text with the words below. You can use some words more than once.

take get see escape soak track up out in

If you want to ¹ _____ off the beaten ² _____ and go somewhere unusual this year, why not ³ _____ the crowds and ⁴ _____ time ⁵ _____ on the Corn Islands off the coast of Nicaragua? They're hot and sunny, so you can lie on the beach and ⁶ _____ ⁷ _____ the sun for hours and hours. You can also ⁸ _____ to know the friendly local people and ⁹ _____ part ¹⁰ _____ one of their exciting festivals, or ¹¹ _____ a tour and ¹² _____ the sights.

Grammar

3 Circle the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 Last summer, Penny **visited** / **had visited** London with her friends for a long weekend.
- 2 They stayed at a hotel that Penny's parents **had booked** / **were booking** for them on the internet.
- 3 Penny was a little worried about the trip because she **never went** / **had never been** on holiday without her mum and dad before.
- 4 On the first day, while they **were walking** / **had walked** through London, Penny and her friends saw a lot of famous sights.
- 5 They wore sunglasses because the sun **was shining** / **had shone** and the sky was blue.
- 6 Penny **wanted** / **was wanting** to buy some souvenirs that she had seen in a shop.
- 7 Penny couldn't find her purse. She realized that she **lost** / **had lost** it.
- 8 Then, suddenly, one of her friends ran into the shop. She **was holding** / **had held** Penny's purse. Penny was so happy!

4 Complete the text. Use the past simple, past continuous or past perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

In 2007, while they ¹ _____ (live) in Brazil, Doug Lewis and his best friend Philippe Bouchet ² _____ (decide) to go on a long trek through the Amazon rainforest. They ³ _____ (never organize) such a challenging adventure before, so they ⁴ _____ (place) an advertisement on the internet asking for advice. Hundreds of people ⁵ _____ (respond), asking to come on the trek! Doug and Philippe ⁶ _____ (be) surprised, but pleased. They invited four young Brazilians to come with them. The two friends ⁷ _____ (try) to learn Portuguese at the time, so it ⁸ _____ (seem) a good idea to ask some Portuguese speakers to come along!

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Reading

The teenage explorer

In December 2011, when sixteen-year-old Amelia Hempleman-Adams arrived at Heathrow Airport in London, journalists from all the major newspapers were waiting for her. She had just spent the last seventeen nights in the Antarctic, enduring snowstorms and temperatures as low as -50°C , and she had become the youngest person in the world to ski to the South Pole.

Amelia's remarkable long-distance trek to the pole had been planned by her father, David, an experienced explorer who was famous in Britain in the 1980s and 1990s for his record-breaking expeditions. In his career, he had walked to the North Pole by himself, with no support from any other people, and he had climbed to the top of the highest mountain on every continent in the world. However, skiing across the Antarctic to the South Pole with his teenage daughter and a small team of other skiers was the most challenging journey of his life, mostly because, as a parent, he was very worried about Amelia.

Amelia's preparation for the expedition was very thorough. She spent a lot of time trekking across the English countryside to get fit, and she camped in a large supermarket freezer warehouse to get used to the low temperatures. She also asked for advice from her two older sisters, both of whom had already been to the North Pole with their dad. In fact, famously, her sister Alicia had flown to the North Pole at the age of eight to be with her father at the end of one of his expeditions. As a result, she was the youngest person ever to visit the most northerly place on Earth.

During the expedition, Amelia carried two very special gifts in her bag. Before starting her adventure, she had met Alexandra Shackleton, the granddaughter of the polar explorer, Ernest Shackleton. Alexandra's grandfather had tried and failed to lead a team of brave adventurers to the South Pole in 1909, and she gave Amelia two gifts to remind the young girl of the amazing history of polar exploration. The first was a coin which had belonged to Ernest Shackleton. The second was a photograph of the famous explorer. Like so many early polar explorers, Ernest Shackleton, who never reached the South Pole in his career, had lost his life in the Antarctic. He had a heart attack during a scientific expedition in the 1920s.

When she returned from the expedition, Amelia said that she had enjoyed taking time out from school, and getting to know her father, but she had missed her friends and had found it difficult to deal with the freezing cold and the boring food. She also complained about her father's snoring. It hadn't been easy to sleep in a tent every night with her noisy dad.

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5 Read the text. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

9 There was a lot of media interest in Amelia's journey across Antarctica. _____

10 Amelia became the youngest person in history to ski to the South Pole. _____

11 Amelia's dad had already been on expeditions to the South Pole. _____

12 David and Amelia crossed the Antarctic alone. _____

13 Amelia spent some time preparing for the trip by training in the Arctic region. _____

14 Amelia's sisters had been to the South Pole before Amelia made her journey. _____

15 Ernest Shackleton was the first person to ski to the South Pole. _____

16 Amelia carried a photograph of Ernest Shackleton with her to the South Pole. _____

17 Amelia was able to keep in touch with some friends during her trip. _____

18 On the expedition, Amelia found it difficult to sleep at night because of the cold. _____

Writing

6 Write a story about something that has happened to you on holiday, or while travelling. Start the story with one of the sentences in A, and finish your story with one of the sentences in B.

A

I felt so embarrassed when ...

While I was on holiday by the sea ...

Some time ago, I met an interesting person.

B

In the end, we decided to keep in touch.

I couldn't believe my eyes!

I was so happy that I started to cry.

Write your story. Use the plan to help you.

Paragraph 1: Begin your story in an interesting way. Introduce the characters, the time, the place and how you felt.

Paragraph 2: Develop the story, describing events in the order they happened.

Paragraph 3: Bring your story to an end. What happened?

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