

Skills

A very long bus ride

When Canadian student Andy Fitzpatrick left school last summer, he decided to travel to Australia. He traveled in a group from London to Sydney ... on a bus! Here are some extracts from his blog.



Week 1

We left London yesterday, and today, we're in Bruges in Belgium. Tomorrow, we're traveling to Heidelberg in Germany. The bus is very comfortable, and the other passengers are very friendly.

Week 2

A few days ago, I was in Prague in the Czech Republic. It was so beautiful! Now we're in Istanbul in Turkey, a city in both Europe and Asia! There are just two problems: 1) Ron, a student from Liverpool – he thinks he's a travel expert, but I think he's a loser! And 2) we have a different bus. It's very small!

Week 4

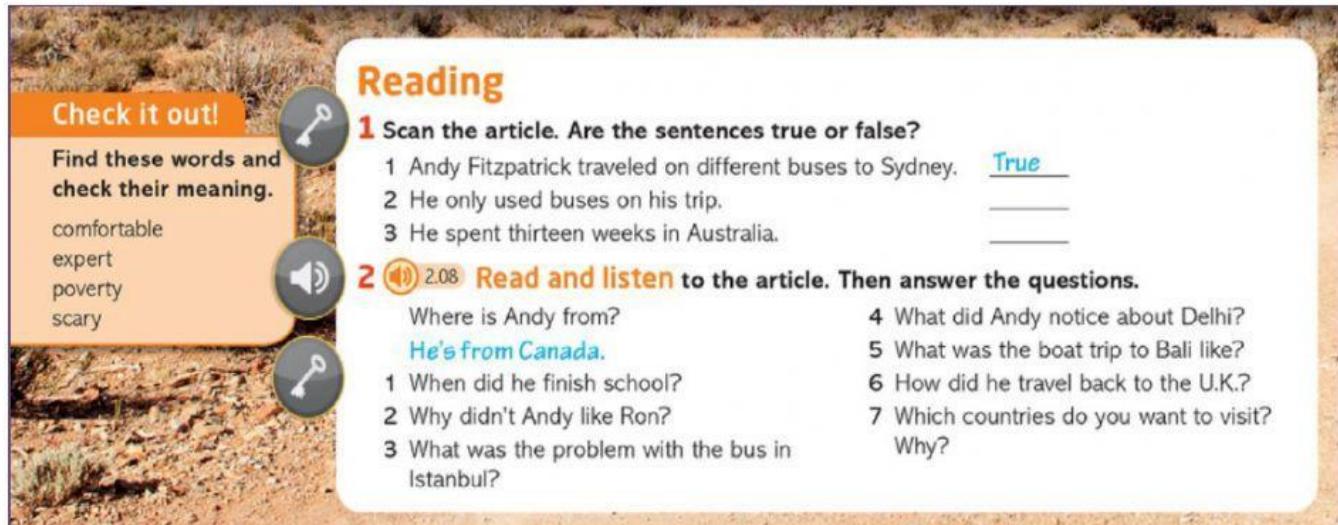
A new and better bus took us around Turkey, and we traveled down the coast in a boat, too. Then, we took an airplane to India. Now, we're in Delhi. It's an exciting city, but there's a lot of poverty here. Next week, we're going to Nepal.

Week 9

We visited some awesome cities: Kathmandu in Nepal, Bangkok in Thailand, and Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. We nearly lost Ron in all of them! Now, after a very scary boat trip, we're on the island of Bali in Indonesia. I'm relaxing on the beach! We're flying to Darwin in Australia soon. I don't want to leave Asia. It's an amazing continent.

Week 13

After thirteen weeks, we're in Sydney! I'm walking a lot and exploring the city. Luckily Ron has a girlfriend, so he doesn't talk to me now! Tomorrow, I'm traveling back to London ... but I'm taking an airplane this time!



Check it out!

Find these words and check their meaning.

comfortable
expert
poverty
scary

Reading

1 Scan the article. Are the sentences true or false?

1 Andy Fitzpatrick traveled on different buses to Sydney. True
2 He only used buses on his trip.
3 He spent thirteen weeks in Australia.

2 2.08 Read and listen to the article. Then answer the questions.

Where is Andy from?
He's from Canada.

1 When did he finish school?
2 Why didn't Andy like Ron?
3 What was the problem with the bus in Istanbul?

4 What did Andy notice about Delhi?
5 What was the boat trip to Bali like?
6 How did he travel back to the U.K.
7 Which countries do you want to visit?
Why?

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