

Reading

1 Read the text quickly and choose the correct response to describe what the text is about.

- a Dubai is an amazing city
- b The history of Dubai
- c Shopping in Dubai

2 Match each of the following topics to the paragraph in which it appears. There is one topic which does not appear in the text.

- A Dubai's climate
- B Shopping in Dubai
- C Location
- D Dining out in Dubai
- E Cooking in Dubai
- F Sightseeing in Dubai

3 Fill in the blank with a suitable word.

- 1 I went to Egypt and I brought _____ from Cairo.
- 2 She only eats _____ fruit and vegetables.
- 3 Burj Khalifah is a Dubai _____. It was opened in 2010.
- 4 The restaurant has lakeside views and offers excellent _____.
- 5 My grandmother's furniture displays _____ details that you don't find nowadays.

- 1 Dubai is one of the greatest cities in the Middle East. It is located on the north-east coast of the United Arab Emirates or, to use its acronym, the UAE, and is in the Arabian Gulf. Abu Dhabi is the capital of the seven emirates that make up the UAE.
- 2 Dubai has a short, but interesting, history and more recently has become one of the top tourist destinations in the world. The weather is pleasant in the winter from October to March, and is perfect for walking around the parks and visiting the sights. From April to May the temperature starts to climb, but the spring months are still pleasant enough to do outdoor activities. The summer months, from June to August, are the hottest. Then, with the arrival of autumn, the temperature starts to fall steadily.
- 3 There are many top fashion designers whose products are for sale in the most exquisite shopping malls in Dubai. Along with the famous Dubai Mall and the Emirates Mall, there are also many souqs, which sell everything from **souvenirs**, to fresh **organic** fruit and vegetables. The most popular market in Dubai is called the Gold Souq.
- 4 Dubai is famous for its **unique** buildings. One of the most famous is the Burj Khalifa which opened in 2010 and is one of the tallest buildings in the world, standing at 829 metres high. An example of unique architecture which represents the culture and heritage of the UAE is the **iconic** building, the Burj Al Arab. This building is designed in the shape of a wind-filled sail of an Arab dhow. The building stands at 321 metres high and is one of the most luxurious hotels in the world. Another beautiful **landmark** to see in Dubai is the Jumeirah Mosque, whose **intricate** design is seen at its best when it's lit up at night.
- 5 Dubai's **cuisine** can be tasted at world-famous restaurants and is definitely a good reason to come to Dubai. There are hundreds of cafés and restaurants, which boast live cooking stations where you can eat and enjoy your food indoors throughout the year, and outdoors from October to March.

Vocabulary

Choose the correct word from the box to match the definitions below.

thread **strings** **sewing** **embroidery** **garment** **cotton**

- 1 Young girls would learn this skill before they could embroider. _____
- 2 These are attached to the front of instruments like the oud. _____
- 3 This is made from cotton and other fibers, and is used to stitch something together. _____
- 4 This is another word for an item of clothing. _____
- 5 This is an advanced form of sewing which is often used to decorate the abaya and the bisht. _____

Use of English

Decide whether you should use verb + to + infinitive, verb + -ing or either.

- 1 Alia keeps forgetting _____ (charge) her iPad.
- 2 They keep _____ (talk) loudly in the library.
- 3 Ahmed continued _____ (eat), even though he was full.
- 4 She avoids _____ (go) to the dentist because she is frightened of the pain.
- 5 You must promise _____ (be) careful when crossing the road.
- 6 They hate _____ (shop) in the high street because it's always too crowded.

Use the correct form of able to. Read the sentences carefully to work out which tense to use.

When Ahmed was younger, he 1 _____ (not / swim) and he 2 _____ (not / sail) his father's dhow. Now he is older, he has decided to take sailing lessons. There are many instructors who 3 _____ (teach) him how to sail, but they won't give him lessons because he still 4 _____ (not / swim). So Ahmed is only learning about the parts of the dhow, such as the mast and the keel, but his real dream is to 5 _____ (be / sail) with his father in his dhow.

Listening

Listen to Hessa and Alia talking about their culture and tradition project.

Choose the correct answer a, b, c, or decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

1 Alia's project is on ...

- a Emirati embroidery.
- b sewing.
- c writing.

2 Hessa has been building dhows since her father's first job.

3 Alia should have handed in her project ...

- a this week.
- b in the last two days.
- c last week.

4 Hessa will ask her classmates to help Alia.

5 Hessa and Alia are both studying culture and tradition.