

II. Read the passage, and do the following tasks.

Costa Rica

Costa Rica, which means “Rich Coast”, has beautiful beaches, amazing animals and friendly people. You can walk in a rainforest, go hiking up an active volcano, go white-water rafting on a mountain river and swim or surf in the Pacific or Caribbean. Two million tourists visit this small Central American country every year and Costa Rica is the world’s best place for eco-tourism with thirty-two national parks.

Fast Facts

Population: 4 million

Area: 51,000 sq km (30% is protected)

Animals: monkeys, sloths, sea turtles and lots of birds

Happy and green: Costa Rica is first in the Happy Planet Index. It has the happiest people and is one of the ‘greenest’ countries in the world.

Climate: The summer season is from May to October. It rains a lot and is very hot. The winter is from November to April and it is sunny and dry.

Coffee: This is the national drink and is the best coffee in the world.

Traveller's Blog

Puerto Viejo

We are relaxing here on the Caribbean. Puerto Viejo is a port and surf town so we love it! We go to the beach every morning by bike (they are cheap to rent). Yesterday, we went to the Cahuita National Park - the monkeys are amazing and I took some great photos!

Leaving Costa Rica

I am in San Jose, the capital, and I am leaving tomorrow. The best things in my three weeks here? White-water rafting on the Pacuare River and visiting Tortuguero National park by boat - I saw the sea turtles. They are really cool.

Task 1. Complete the notes:

Location: _____

Population: _____

National drink: _____

Type of tourism: _____

Things you can do: _____

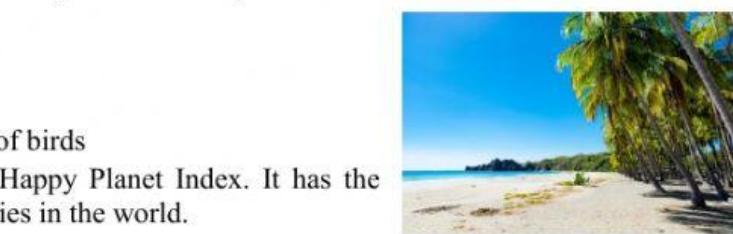
Paces you can visit: _____

Animals you can see: _____

Best time to go: _____

Task 2. Decide whether the statements are true (T) or false (F). Write the answer in each blank.

1. Costa Rica is in Central America.
2. The capital is Puerto Viejo.
3. Costa Rica is a big country.



4. It is a good place for a holiday. _____
5. It has got interesting animals and birds. _____
6. It has got a lot of national parks. _____

III. Read the text carefully, and then do the tasks that follow.

BLOG

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We have just come home after an amazing two weeks in South America. Now I'm back at school and it's really cold but I won't forget the best holiday of my life. I'll upload some photos soon.

1. _____
My mum and dad hate winter. They wanted to go somewhere warm in December, and have a very special holiday. Mum loves animals and dad loves surfing. They surfed the Net for holiday ideas but they didn't know the best place to go. (i) I knew what to do.

2. _____
I went on the Internet and looked for people's opinions about holidays. People write about everything, (ii) _____ I soon found the perfect place: South Africa.

3. _____
We left England on 21 December. It was winter here but summer there. It was fantastic. Mum saw lions, giraffes, elephants and other animals, (iii) _____ Once in the Atlantic Ocean and once in the Indian Ocean. And I went white-water rafting on the Orange River.

4. _____
My parents were very pleased because I had a lot of gadgets with me. Dad's camera hasn't got a big memory. On the first day, he took 180 photos, (iv) _____ On the second day, my mum borrowed my e-book reader. On the third day, she spent £5 on a phone call to my grandparents, (v) _____ She used my net book. Dad used my smart phone to get news about surfing and beaches in South Africa.

Task 1. Match the headings (A-E) with the paragraphs (1-4). There is one extra heading.

- A. Meeting the local people
- B. Where to go on holiday?
- C. Useful things to take
- D. Holiday activities
- E. Online research

Task 2. Read the text again. Match the sentences (1-6) with the gaps in the text (i-vi). There is one extra sentence.

1. I put them on my net book.
2. That's when they asked me for help.
3. They enjoyed that a lot.
4. They tell you the good things and the bad.
5. The next evening she used Skype.
6. Dad went surfing twice.