

Grammar

A. Complete the sentences to report what these people said. Change verb forms when needed.

Yesterday, my sister and I left for our trip to Chicago ...

1. "We should get to the airport early." My sister said _____.
2. "Take a taxi." I told _____.
3. "Our bag has been checked." My sister told _____.
4. "You must take off your shoes." The security guard said _____.
5. "The plane is delayed." The agent informed _____.
6. "The plane might not leave until 10:00." The agent said _____.
7. "Last trip I traveled by bus, and it was easier." I said _____.

B. Write a suitable word to complete the reported questions.

1. I asked my friend _____ he'd like to travel with me
2. He wanted to know _____ I'm planning to go.
3. I asked him _____ the weather is like in Belize.
4. He wanted to know _____ he should take warm clothing.
5. I asked him _____ tell me his favorite vacation spot and said we'd go there.
6. I wanted to know _____ we can go surfing in Belize.

C. Choose the correct word to complete the sentences according to the reporting verb.

1. When the teacher call out my friend she claimed her / that she wasn't sleeping, just reflecting.
2. Our dad is always reminded us / to us to have extra cash in case of an emergency.
3. That waiter was very rude to us so of course I complained to the manager / the manager.
4. It's weird that they haven't arrived yet, my brother confirmed me / that his flight landed an hour ago.

Vocabulary

D. Complete the conversation. Choose the correct expression from the box.

revenues

businesses

rely heavily on

lead to

employ

Susan: Hey, Gavin! How was your trip to the Amazon forest?

Gavin: It was amazing! I don't recommend it to everybody, though. But for me was great.

Susan: Really? In what way?

Gavin: Well, for starters there isn't many big tour companies. Most of the _____ are local.

Susan: Well, that's a good thing, isn't it? It means they _____ the residents of the place.

Gavin: True, but it doesn't give you much choice with accommodations. Anyway, I couldn't do a lot on the first day due to the weather so I stayed to visit the town. I must say, people _____ tourism, apart from that there isn't much work.

Susan: Which can be an issue, because if there aren't many visitors, that can _____ few profits.

Gavin: Exactly. But anyway, the next day it was fantastic. I could take the tour, saw many endemic species and the best part is that the _____ help to keep the rainforest.

Susan: Sounds like my kind of trip.

E. Complete the email. Use the correct -ed or -ing form of the words in parentheses.

Hi Omar,

Costa Rica is an _____ (amaze) place! I was _____ (fascinate) when I went there last year, and this trip has been even more incredible. Yesterday, I had a _____ (surprise) adventure. I went hiking in the rain forest. At first I thought I would find it _____ (depress) because it's so dark in the forest, but I loved it! And this is what _____ (surprise) me ... I heard screams! At first, it was _____ (terrify), and I was _____ (puzzle) because I didn't see anyone around. Finally, I realized there were howler monkeys in the trees above me! At the end of the hike, I was _____ (exhaust) because the hike was _____ (challenge) and because of all the excitement with the monkeys. Fortunately, when I came out of the rain forest, there was a beautiful beach. I just sat in the sand and watched the sun set. It was very _____ (relax).

Conversation strategy

F. Complete the conversation. Click on the correct response to use the conversation strategy in parentheses.

1. **A:** This river trip looks like it will be amazing

B: (*Ask for more detail*)

- a. Amazing in what way? b. So I guess we should go then c. Oh, you mean you were amazed?

2. **A:** I think it would be fascinating to see the Taj Mahal

B: (*Draw a conclusion*)

- a. Fascinating in what way? b. So, you're saying you've never been there? c. You mean it would be fascinating?

3. **A:** I don't think I'll ever have enough money to travel to the Galapagos Islands, but it would be exciting.

B: (*Draw a conclusion*)

- a. So I guess you think it's exciting. b. Exciting in what way? c. What you're saying is that it's too expensive?

Listening

G. Listen to a woman telling a man about her travels. Check true or false for each sentence.

True False

1. The woman finds flying exhausting.
2. The woman thinks long lines and delays are worth the trouble.
3. The woman likes to try foreign food.
4. The woman wouldn't mind traveling every month.
5. The woman thinks the way people do business can sometimes be confusing.
6. The woman feels she needs to make better contacts.

Reading

H. Read the article. Add the missing phrases. Click on the blanks to complete the text.

Travel websites

When planning a vacation, many travelers first look at the wide range of travel websites for help and advice. These sites offer travelers information about travel destinations around the world and the facilities they offer, for example, _____. They can also help with _____ about the range of prices, from low-budget hostels to high-end hotels.

A popular feature of these sites is the travel review section, where people who have been to the destinations write reviews about _____, and share their experiences with other travelers. Sometimes the reviews can be extremely frank. For example, someone _____, or that it looked nothing like the pictures, or that the service had been awful.

This is the type of honest information that travelers might appreciate but that some hotel and restaurant owners fear. However, it is said that some of the sites don't always have truthful information and that some businesses _____. For example, a hotel might have employees write great reviews for it, or they might hire professional marketing services to write reviews for them. While this might help businesses in the short term, it is possible that people _____ if they have disappointing experiences after picking a business based on good reviews. Travelers will need to find other sources of reliable information, perhaps through social networking sites.

Writing

I. Think about a trip you've had. What were some good things and bad things? Did you consult a travel website or other source of information? Was everything as described? Write about it using contrasting ideas. Write from 50 – 60 words.