

## 12 READING

**A** Skim the article. Match paragraphs A, B, and C to the photos.

# ADVENTURE VACATIONS

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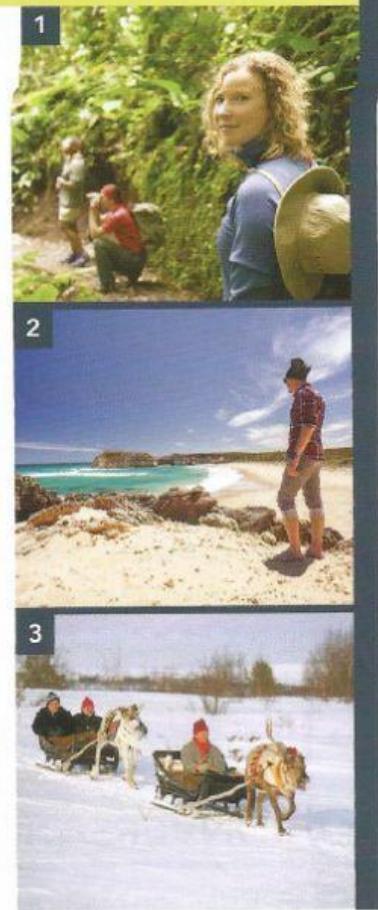
A good vacation, for many people, means comfortable accommodations, a great atmosphere, and tasty food. It's a pleasant, relaxing experience. But for some, this type of vacation just isn't enough!

In today's world, many of us have safe, sometimes boring lives. We work, sleep, eat, and watch TV. So more and more people are looking for adventure. They want excitement and danger. They might even want to feel a little afraid!

**A** How about staying on a desert island in the middle of the Indian Ocean? If you want, you can spend your whole vacation completely alone. You'll sleep in a tent and go fishing for your food. Your only company will be the monkeys and lizards. But don't worry. If you get bored, just call the travel company and they'll send a boat to pick you up!

**B** Or how about spending a week in the sub-zero temperatures of the North? You will fly to the Arctic, and the local Sami people will teach you to survive in this very difficult environment. You'll learn how to keep yourself warm and make special snowshoes. You can also go ice-fishing and look after reindeer. You'll even learn how to tell when it is going to snow.

**C** But if the Arctic's too cold, you could try the heat of the jungle instead. Deep in the Amazon rain forest, you'll sleep in the open air. At first, you'll spend a week with local guides. They will train you to do many things, like find food and water or light fires with stones. They will even teach you to pick the tastiest insects for dinner! Then you'll spend a week by yourself with no tent, no extra clothes, and no cell phone. You'll be completely alone – except for the crocodiles and snakes, of course!



**B** Read the article. Then complete the summary using words from the article.

Nowadays, life can sometimes be a little boring. So, many people are searching for an exciting or dangerous 1) \_\_\_\_\_ during their vacations. Some people like the idea of visiting a desert island. There, they spend nights in a 2) \_\_\_\_\_ and look for fruit and other plants to eat. If they decide to go to the Arctic instead, they will walk around with unusual 3) \_\_\_\_\_ on their feet, and they'll have the experience of taking care of 4) \_\_\_\_\_. If they decide to choose a trip to the rain forest, they'll learn many things from 5) \_\_\_\_\_, and afterward, they'll live for a whole 6) \_\_\_\_\_ completely alone.

**C** Read the comments of people who are on one of these three trips.

Which vacation are they on? Write the letter.

1. "I know what the weather will be like tomorrow."
2. "I haven't seen anybody since the moment I arrived."
3. "My whole body is absolutely freezing!"
4. "I've learned so much these first seven days."
5. "I've had enough now! I'm going to call for help."
6. "I haven't eaten anything like this before!"

**D GROUP WORK** Which of these three vacations would you be prepared to try? Which would you refuse to go on? Why?