

GRAMMAR

1 Choose (click on) the correct word(s).

- 1 The only good *stationers* / *stationer's* closed down last year.
- 2 She prefers to grow all *her own* / *her owns* vegetables.
- 3 The *book's end* / *end of the book* was very disappointing.
- 4 I can't stand looking at other *people's* / *peoples'* holiday photos.
- 5 It's our *parent's* / *parents'* 30th anniversary this year.
- 6 Lisa is a very good *my friend* / *friend of mine*.
- 7 We went to *Anna's house* / *the house of Anna* for supper last night.
- 8 I quite like supermarket pizzas, but I prefer to make *mine own* / *my own*.
- 9 Is that your *son's new car* / *new son's car*?
- 10 Are you going to *Sarah and Mark's* / *Sarah's and Mark's* party?

2 Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous forms of the verbs in brackets. Write your answers in the boxes.

Example: I like cheese now, but I hated it when I was a child. (like)

- 1 I have to go. My flight _____ right now. (board)
- 2 Anna _____ on Thursdays or Fridays. She's part-time. (not work)
- 3 Where _____ for her holiday this year? (she / go)
- 4 He _____ a word she says. (not believe)
- 5 I'm writing an email and Pablo _____ a rest at the moment. (have)
- 6 _____ sightseeing or relaxing on the beach? (you / prefer)
- 7 We _____ at the moment, before it gets too busy. (shop)
- 8 According to the timetable, the train _____ at 6 p.m. (arrive)
- 9 We _____ to take sunscreen unless you want to sit in the shade. (need)
- 10 You don't look very happy. What _____ about? (you / think)

VOCABULARY

1 Complete the sentences. Write one word in each gap. They are all related to holidays.

Example: You'll need your towel to get dry after swimming.

- 1 Most people book holidays online now. Not many go to a **t** _____ **a** _____.
- 2 He didn't use any sunscreen and got badly **s** _____ **b** _____ yesterday.
- 3 Where's the **i** _____ **r** _____? The tent's full of mosquitoes.
- 4 You need more sensible shoes not **f** _____ **f** _____, we are going on a trekking holiday.
- 5 I really want to see the **s** _____ of London: Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Nelson's Column ...
- 6 When I travel I always take an extra **m** _____ **c** _____ for my camera.
- 7 Here is your **b** _____ **p** _____. You have a window seat 11A. Enjoy your flight!
- 8 We never go on **p** _____ holidays. We prefer to organize everything ourselves.

2 Complete the sentences. Write one word in each gap. They are all related to shops.

Example: A department store sells a wide variety of items.

- 1 The best place for fruit and vegetables is the **gr** _____ in the shopping centre.
- 2 A Do you ever go to a **c** _____ **f** _____?
B Quite often. I like finding some quirky hand-made things.
- 3 If you want to buy fresh meat, you should try that **b** _____ on the high street.
- 4 We got our new house through a local **e** _____ **a** _____.
- 5 I bought some beautiful roses for my wife from that **f** _____ over there.
- 6 The **h** _____ **st** _____ at the end of our road sells good quality DIY tools.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct word(s). Click on the right answer.

- 1 Do you need any help? No, thanks, I just want to _____.
look for look after look round
- 2 Is there somewhere I can _____ this sweater?
try on keen on engage in

3 Many town centres look depressing these days. A lot of shops are _____ down.
opening finishing closing

4 Please, make sure you don't _____ any personal belongings in your room.
leave behind leave out leave for

5 It's typical. Shoe shops nearly always seem to be _____ my size!
out from out to out of

6 At the end of a long hike, it's a good idea to _____ a massage.
do have take

READING

Read the article about a trip to the Grand Canyon. Five sentences have been removed. Choose from the sentences a–g the one which fits each gap (1–5). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

Water wonder

The view from the top of the Grand Canyon in Arizona is famous all over the world, but if you go several miles down and look back up, the view's even more amazing. 0 The best way to reach the floor of the canyon is by raft, or small rubber boat. And that's exactly what my friend and I did last year.

Our six-day adventure began with a lesson in packing our bags. When you book a rafting trip, you're sent a list of the things to take with you. 1 It's a very, very short list! If it doesn't float, or might harm the environment in the canyon, then it's not going with you.

All our normal kit went back into our suitcases to be delivered to the end point of the trip in six days' time. If we ever got there, that is. By the time our talk on safety began, half of the group was nervous about the trip. 2 We were about to meet our guides, pull on our life-jackets, and get into our rafts. We'd only just discovered that on a scale of one to ten, when one is flat and easy, several of the rapids – parts of the river which were difficult to travel through – ahead of us were perfect tens. We also learned that once we set off, there was no going back.

Still, we strapped ourselves into the rafts and started to paddle. And that's when it all started to go right. A lot of good feeling came from our seven-strong team of guides and raft leaders. We had the perfect mix, from fresh young university graduates to river tour guides with forty years' experience. 3 At first, this mainly involved them yelling: 'Pull! Pull! Left! Left! Now right! I said right!' at us all. But when we finally got it right, they took advantage of the occasional strange silence to tell us about the area. We learned lots about the canyon's history, its plant and animal life, and even some old stories from the past.

As the days passed, and we went deeper and deeper into the canyon, the atmosphere became more and more mysterious. 4 Nights were just as special because we slept under the stars. After all, there were no campsites on the canyon floor. Our beds might have been basic, but our meals were anything but that. The guides used the ingredients they'd carried in boxes on the rafts to cook some delicious meals, with pancakes for breakfast and steaks for dinner.

There wasn't a lot of privacy and it's not the best holiday for people who like a daily shower and a clean pair of socks every morning. 5 We didn't just look at the Grand Canyon as it towered ever higher above us. We felt it. For six glorious days, we lived in it. The only bad thing was that on the very last day we had a pretty difficult climb getting out of it!

- a The rest of us were terrified.
- b It was worth it so that we could talk about the view from below.
- c From the start they never stopped talking, but we didn't mind that.
- d At times, it felt almost magical.
- e And if you're looking for the second page, there isn't one.

- f** But it's ideal if you want to see sights that very few others get to see.
- g** Getting all the way down there is, in fact, a holiday in itself.

LISTENING

1 Listen to a young woman talking about a summer camp she has visited. Choose the correct answer. Click on the right answer.

- 1 Holly's already been to ClubCamp ____
 - A** once.
 - B** twice.
 - C** three times.
- 2 Holly thinks ClubCamp is special because of ____
 - A** its location.
 - B** the weather it gets.
 - C** the things on offer there.
- 3 Holly has enjoyed ____ most so far.
 - A** the social activities.
 - B** the sporting activities
 - C** the practical activities
- 4 Holly says that ____ come from other countries.
 - A** only some students
 - B** a few teachers
 - C** both students and teachers
- 5 Holly explains that ClubCamp serves ____
 - A** mostly food made from fresh ingredients.
 - B** food that's unsuitable for vegetarians.
 - C** too much junk food.

2 Listen to five people talking about the worst thing they have ever bought. What problem does each person describe about what they've bought? Write a-f in the boxes.

Speaker 1

Speaker 2

Speaker 3

Speaker 4

Speaker 5

- a** It wasn't safe.
- b** It was bought as a result of a sudden decision.
- c** It was unreliable.
- d** It was too expensive for what it was.
- e** It was difficult to look after it.
- f** It wasn't the real thing.