

South Africa: City and Safari

South Africa is a beautiful country with a varied landscape. There are superb mountain ranges, incredible forested sea-shores, desert plains, and national parks full of amazing wild animals.

- 5 For the perfect holiday, try spending a few days in the city followed by a safari.

Cape Town

- Cape Town is a wonderful city that offers white, sandy beaches, an exciting city centre, excellent food and great street entertainment. Take a guided tour to find the best places to go. For the more adventurous, talk to the local people and find out what Cape Town's really like, or visit the fishing villages outside the city. The most memorable thing about Cape Town is its greatest natural landmark, Table Mountain, which rises to 1,086m at its highest point. Try walking to the top and looking down at the city itself. If it's too far for you to walk, you can go most of the way by cable car and then walk for about another hour to the top.

Kruger National Park

- After the city, it's worth heading out to the countryside. There are many national parks in South Africa and there's so much to see and do in them that it's best to concentrate on visiting just one. You can always choose a different park next time you come. Kruger National Park is one of the most popular places to go. You can hire a car and drive there yourself, as generally the roads are good and there are road maps available. The tourist roads in the park are also in good condition. However, if you prefer, you can join an organised safari. These can last one day, or longer if you want to stay in one of the hotels or lodges in the park. Whatever your choice, look out for elephants, lions, rhinos and leopards, and for hippos bathing in the rivers and animals drinking from the muddy waterholes. Afterwards, you can carry on exploring the countryside or perhaps try South Africa's biggest city, Johannesburg, which is just a few hours' drive away. Whatever part of South Africa you visit, your memories will last forever.

Reading Part 3

Read the text about South Africa, then decide if each sentence (1–6) is correct or incorrect.

- 1 It's a good idea to combine a city break with a country break.
- 2 There is little to do close to Cape Town.
- 3 You can travel by cable car right to the top of Table Mountain.
- 4 To get the most out of the countryside, it's necessary to go to several parks.
- 5 It's better to avoid using the roads around Kruger National Park.
- 6 You can stay overnight in Kruger National Park.

Vocabulary Transport

Write the answers using the words below.

helicopter	ferry	hot-air balloon
lorry	motorbike	bicycle
underground train	boat	horse
ship	hovercraft	elephant camel

- a two forms of transport that travel in the air
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- b three animals used as forms of transport
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- c four forms of transport that travel across water
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- d two forms of road transport with two wheels
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- e a form of road transport with many wheels
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- f a form of transport that travels on rails
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Grammar

The past simple and past continuous

- 1 Tick the correct sentences. Rewrite the incorrect sentences using the past simple or past continuous.
 - a I was leaving the house at 8 o'clock this morning.
 - b The boys were playing football all day.
 - c I walked down the road when I met my neighbour.
 - d My parents waited for me when my train arrived.
 - e What were you doing when the rain started?
 - f We were driving to France when the accident was happening.
- 2 Read the text. Then complete 1-10 with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Slow Travel

I recently (1) (take) an unusual trip around the world with my best friend. For twelve months, we (2) (not get) on a plane or a helicopter once. We (3) (explore) 30 countries on six continents and (4) (go) by camel, bike, boat, bus and train. While we (5) (be) away, we met all kinds of interesting people. For example, while we (6) (travel) on the Trans-Siberian Express from Moscow to Irkutsk, we (7) (make) friends with some fishermen from Finland. Another great thing about our slow trip was that we (8) (have) the time to learn new skills. For instance, while we (9) (sail) from Singapore to Australia on a ten-day boat trip, some Mexican back-packers (10) (teach) us Spanish. It really was the most interesting trip we'd ever taken.



Vocabulary

At the airport

- 1 Read the definitions then rearrange the letters to find the words. Check your answers in a dictionary.
 - a someone travelling on a plane
s s r e p a n e g p
 - b the card you show to get on a plane
a r d n g b i o b pass
 - c the airport building where journeys begin and end
a t r e m l n i t
 - d the place where your luggage is checked for illegal goods
t o s c m u s c
 - e bags, suitcases, etc.
g g e a b g a b
 - f the person who flies an aircraft
o p t i l p
 - g the document that you show to enter or leave a country
s a s p p r t o p
- 2 Use the verbs to complete the airport procedure.

listen	check in	arrive
board	collect	go wait

- a at the terminal
- b at the desk
- c your boarding pass
- d through passport control
- e to the announcements
- f at the correct gate
- g your plane

Grammar

Question words

Complete the dialogues with the correct question words.

- a '_____ did you go on holiday last year?'
'I went to Greece.'
- b '_____ did you go to the party with last night?'
'Max and Joe.'
- c '_____ did you travel to school this morning?'
'By car.'
- d '_____ did you do last weekend?'
'I stayed at home.'
- e '_____ much money did you spend on your shopping trip?'
'Nothing! I didn't buy anything.'
- f '_____ were you late for school this morning?'
'I missed my bus.'
- g '_____ did you last visit your grandparents?'
'Last weekend.'
- h '_____ was your trip to Venice like?'
'It was fantastic!'

Articles

Complete the sentences with *a*, *an*, *the* or *-*.

- a _____ health and happiness are more important than money.
- b A man and a woman were at the airport. _____ woman was carrying a red suitcase.
- c We went to _____ island in the Caribbean.
- d My cousin lives in _____ Australia.
- e _____ moon shone brightly in the sky.
- f _____ Lake Geneva is in Switzerland.
- g While we were on holiday, we met _____ family from Finland.
- h _____ Alps are a mountain range in Europe.
- i She doesn't like _____ ice cream.
- j _____ Seine is a long river in France.
- k It's raining! Can I borrow _____ umbrella?

Writing Part 3

- 1 Read the task and paragraphs A–D. Decide which paragraph does not belong to the story and put the others into the correct order.

Your English teacher has asked you to write a story. Your story must have the following title:

A Terrible Holiday.

Write about 100 words.

A We put up our tent, but after about half an hour, the whole area was flooded. Suddenly there was a strong gust of wind and our tent blew away. In the end, we had to stay in a nearby hotel!

B Eventually, we walked to a nearby shop and called the police. It wasn't long before they arrived and we were able to tell them what had happened.

C As we got closer to the sea, the weather began to change. At first it was a bit cloudy and rainy, but then it began to rain very hard and just as we arrived at the campsite we saw a flash of lightning.

D Last month, I went on a camping trip to the beach with some friends. We borrowed my parents' car and left early on a bright and sunny Saturday morning.

- 2 Write your own answer to the task in exercise 1.

