

Welcome to my blog! Let me introduce myself. My name's Lillie, I'm 28. And I'm from a small town in Arkansas in the USA. I trained as a flight attendant and my husband is a pilot. We both worked for a small American airline before we moved to Oman in May 2010. My husband wanted a more interesting job with an international airline.

I myself decided to focus on looking after my little daughter. But I also found time to start a blog which I called 'Oman, Oman'. My aim was to keep my friends in the USA informed about all my experiences.

I like to blog three or four times a week, and I write a bit of everything. At first, most of my articles were about places that we had visited, such as the deserts, wadis, beaches and traditional markets. My favourite of all is the mountains, where you can escape from the heat and the scenery is fantastic. In all my posts, I have attached photos and, in some, even added short videos as well.

These are still the most popular posts among my readers. But I have also started writing about other things, such as food and eating habits. The most surprising thing for me was to see so many people eating rice! For some reason, I had thought rice was only common in eastern parts of Asia. Another thing that surprised me at first was that people sit on the floor while eating, and often don't use spoons and forks. They sit around one big plate and all eat from it together. The first time I was invited to an Omani house, I found it painful sitting on the floor, because I have a bad knee. But I quickly learned the technique of eating with my right hand.

These have all been very positive experiences, but occasionally I also write about things I dislike, for example, the terrible driving habits that I see in Oman. Despite government campaigns, people still drive too fast and go through red lights!

Five years have passed so quickly, and now we are going back to the USA. We want our daughter to start schooling in our hometown. I am not planning to go back to my job, but my husband has already got a new contract. I shall continue writing a blog, but now it will have a new title and a new audience. I'm going to tell all my Omani friends about what it is like to live in small-town America.

READING 3 (continued)

Task 1: For each item, write a short answer (**not more than FOUR WORDS**).

12. What is her job now?

13. What is the only thing that she finds annoying in Oman?

14. For her next blog, who will be her readers?

Task 2: For each item, shade in the bubble ☐ next to the correct option.

15. She especially likes the _____ in Oman.

☐ mountains ☐ beaches ☐ wadis

16. During meals, she doesn't really like eating _____.

☐ with other people ☐ on the floor ☐ with her hand

17. They are returning to the USA _____.

☐ because they are bored ☐ for their child's education ☐ for reasons of health