

READING

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Part I. Read about the climate in Madagascar on a travel website. Then tick true, false or doesn't say. (1 point each. Total 10 points)

Madagascar – When to go

My Madagascar has two seasons, a warm, wet season from November to April, and a cooler dry season between May and October. However, different parts of the country have very different weather.

The east coast is hotter and wetter, with up to 4000mm of rainfall per year. In the rainy season, there are strong winds, and these can cause a lot of damage. Avoid visiting eastern Madagascar between January and March because the weather can make road travel very difficult. The dry season is cooler and more pleasant.

The high, central part of the country is much drier and cooler. About 1,400 mm of rain falls in the rainy season, with some thunderstorms, but the summer is usually sunny and dry, but it can be cold, especially in the mornings, with freezing showers, and it may snow in mountain areas above 2,400m, and even stay there for several days.

The west coast is the driest part of the island. Here, the winter months are pleasant with little rain, cooler temperatures and blue skies. The summers can be extremely hot, especially in the southwest. This part of the country is semi-desert, and only gets around 300mm of rain per year.

1. Madagascar has four seasons: spring, summer, autumn and winter.
A True B False C Doesn't say
2. There is more rain in January than in June.
A True B False C Doesn't say
3. The wet season is colder than the dry season.
A True B False C Doesn't say
4. It hardly ever rains in central Madagascar.
A True B False C Doesn't say
5. The wettest part of the island is the east.
A True B False C Doesn't say
6. January-March is a good time to visit eastern Madagascar.
A True B False C Doesn't say
7. The centre of Madagascar is the coldest part.
A True B False C Doesn't say
8. Snow sometimes falls in Madagascar.
A True B False C Doesn't say
9. The west coast has the best weather in December.
A True B False C Doesn't say
10. The north-east is hotter than the south-east.
A True B False C Doesn't say

Part II. Read about the summer plans of three different people and choose which plan belong to each person. (1 point each. Total 10 points)

My next summer holiday plan

EMMA

I usually teach English at a language school in the summer. I often can't enjoy the summer because I am so busy. So this summer, I'm not planning to work. Instead, I'm going to have a proper summer holiday. I'm going to buy a campervan and drive around Ireland. I'm going to visit lots of beautiful beaches and learn to surf! I'm mostly going to travel alone, but I will visit friends. One friend, Cathy, is a school teacher, so she has a long summer holiday, so hopefully, we will spend a week or two together. Another Irish friend, Joe, has a new house there, so I'll stay with him for a few days and help him paint the rooms.

JAYDEN

Last year, I did a surfing instructor course, and I spent the summer teaching people to surf. It was great! I was in the sea and sun all day, and every evening, my friends and I had a barbecue on the beach. The surf school asked me to return this summer, but I'm not going to do that. Last autumn, I learned to scuba dive, and I'm going to do a diving instructor course soon. Then, I plan to teach diving all summer to earn some money. I don't want to stay in the UK. It's too cold here! I want to fly to Greece or Egypt. I'll go there alone. I'm sure I will meet lots of cool people there!

PAMELA

Well, last month, my friend Alfie and I had a crazy idea. We decided to cycle from the south of England to the north of Scotland, from Land's End to John o'Groats. It's an 874-mile trip! It takes ten to fourteen days. But I'm not a fast cyclist, and I want to enjoy visiting different places, so we plan to ride for four weeks. We will visit historic cities like Bath and Edinburgh, cycle through the pretty countryside and visit museums and castles on the way. Alfie wanted to camp, but I'd like a comfortable bed at the end of each day, so we are going to stay in guest houses. I hope it doesn't rain a lot, but I hope it's not too hot either!

1. Which person is going to work this summer?
a) Emma b) Jayden c) Pamela
2. Which person is going to stay in the UK?
a) Emma b) Jayden c) Pamela
3. Which person wants to learn a new sport during the summer?
a) Emma b) Jayden c) Pamela
4. Which person is going to visit a friend's house?
a) Emma b) Jayden c) Pamela
5. Which person will not spend much time at the beach?
a) Emma b) Jayden c) Pamela
6. Which person will not travel alone?
a) Emma b) Jayden c) Pamela
7. Which person hopes to make new friends?
a) Emma b) Jayden c) Pamela
8. Which person hopes to visit some old buildings?
a) Emma b) Jayden c) Pamela

9. Which person is going to sleep in a different room each night?

- a) Emma b) Jayden c) Pamela

10. Which person wants hot weather during the summer?

- a) Emma b) Jayden c) Pamela