

## Travelling Vocabulary and speaking

### 1. Choose the correct answers in the points below.

a) If you *embark* on a new project, you...

- 1) are stuck with it.
- 2) start it.
- 3) accept it.

d) If you *stopped over* in New York on your way to Seattle, you...

- 1) passed by New York.
- 2) slept somewhere near New York.
- 3) had a short visit in New York.

b) If you *put* your friends *up* for the weekend, you...

- 1) let them sleep in your house.
- 2) throw a party.
- 3) hang out with them.

e) If you *set off* tomorrow afternoon, you...

- 1) start a journey.
- 2) finish a journey.
- 3) make a stop in your journey.

c) If you *pick* English *back up*, you...

- 1) start to become more fluent.
- 2) start learning it after a break.
- 3) stop learning it.

f) If you *get away* for a few days, you...

- 1) have to hide from someone.
- 2) go on a business trip.
- 3) go somewhere to have a holiday and rest.

**Listen and answer.**

- Who is a backpacker? Does the man consider himself to be one?  
What does he say about backpackers?
- What does he say about nationalities nad travel?
- Majority of backpackers are ...
- What does the host call the man and why

**Discuss.**

- Do you agree that backpackers are like a community?
- Do you think backpackers experience more of a country and culture than other travellers

**Idioms and slang terms we might use when talking about travel.**

Match the terms with their definitions.

**Off the beaten track/path**

**To hit the road**

**Travel light**

**Bright and early**

**Travel bug**

a. the urge to travel \_\_\_\_\_

b. a place where few people go, away from the frequently travelled routes  
\_\_\_\_\_

c. to leave a place or begin a journey \_\_\_\_\_

d. very early in the morning \_\_\_\_\_

e. to bring very few things with you when you go on a trip  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Put them in the sentences below:**

1. She's one of those backpackers who likes to \_\_\_\_\_ and always reduces to a minimum.
2. If you are up \_\_\_\_\_ we will be able to set off in good time
3. Tina has traveled around 10 countries in a year! Her \_\_\_\_\_ started when she was 15.
4. Tom packed his car and \_\_\_\_\_ for California.
5. The farmhouse we stayed in was completely \_\_\_\_\_ .

#### **Word formation**

#### **Egypt travel guide**

Courtesy and \_\_\_\_\_ (HOST) are important when doing business in Egypt. The host of a business meeting will usually offer tea or a small snack before \_\_\_\_\_ (COMMENCE). It's polite to refuse the first offer, but once the host insists, the guest should then accept.

Alcohol is legal, but should be avoided until visitors know their Egyptian colleague's attitude towards drinking, and, if acceptable, should be drunk in \_\_\_\_\_ (MODERATE). It is not considered suitable for women to over-indulge in alcohol. If invited to a business lunch, expect food to be lavish and \_\_\_\_\_. (PLENTY)

Throughout the Arab world, it is considered bad manners either to display anger or to openly criticize another person in public. Tact and diplomacy are always required. In social life, punctuality is almost \_\_\_\_\_ (LAUGH). For business, visitors should be on time but expect locals to be often late, and do not take \_\_\_\_\_ (OFFEND). Men should not offer to shake a woman's hand, and vice versa, unless clearly invited to do so. Men and women should dress smartly for business meetings – suits and tie for men; suit for women or smart trousers/skirt/jacket – and always dress \_\_\_\_\_ (MODEST). Shoulders and knees should never be shown.

### Economy:

On taking power in 1970, Anwar al-Sadat introduced a policy of *infitah* (openness) towards investment. Egypt's economy underwent rapid \_\_\_\_\_ (GROW) during the 1970s with the quick \_\_\_\_\_ (EXPAND) of the oil industry, tourism and the Suez Canal, and it has continued to expand in subsequent decades.

The tourist sector is expanding rapidly, particularly along the Red Sea and Mediterranean coasts, despite sporadic terrorist activities of Islamic \_\_\_\_\_ (FUNDAMENT). Agriculture, which relies on irrigation from the Nile, employs one-third of the working population. Foreign aid, especially from the USA, is an important source of government funds.

### Media:

The Egyptian press is one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ (INFLUENCE) and widely read in the region, while Egyptian TV and the film industry supplies much of the Arab-speaking world with shows from its Media Production City. Press freedom is encouraged. Press laws which allow prison sentences for libel have encouraged self-\_\_\_\_\_ (CENSOR) on sensitive issues.