

Lesson 3. Prepare A1+. Unit 7. An exciting trip. Reading.

- 1 Look at the title of the article and the photos. Which countries do you think the man visited? Read the article about Chen Guan Ming and answer the questions.
 - 2 Look at the irregular past tenses in **red** in the article. Write the infinitives.
 - 3 Do you know about any other long journeys? Would you like to do a journey like this?
- 1 What was Chen's job when he was young?
 - 2 How far did he cycle to get to Beijing?
 - 3 When did Chen leave home to go to London?
 - 4 Where did Chen go after the London Olympics?

CROSSING THE WORLD

ON A RICKSHAW TO SEE THE OLYMPICS



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When Chen Guan Ming was a young man, he never travelled far from his farm in a small village in China. But now he is famous for following the Olympic Games around the world in his three-wheeled rickshaw. The story **began** in 2001, when he **heard** that the games were coming to Beijing. He **left** his village and cycled 90,000 km all over China, visiting 1,764 cities before finally arriving at the famous Bird's Nest Stadium. Then, he decided to travel to London for the 2012 Olympics. In 2010, he packed his things into his rickshaw and began his journey. He **slept** in his rickshaw and sometimes worked for food and money. Finally, he got to France, and **caught** a ferry to Britain. He only travels by boat or plane when there's no other choice. When he arrived in London, he **met** lots of tourists and **told** them his story. Some people didn't believe him. Then he showed them the stamps in his passport, and the photos of himself at places like the Eiffel Tower in Paris and Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur. After the London Olympics, Chen left his rickshaw in the UK and caught a flight home to plan his next trip – to the Rio Olympics. In 2013, he **flew** back to London. He **put** his rickshaw on a ship to Canada, and he **took** a plane there. A friend **paid** for his flight ticket. Then, he **got on** his rickshaw and **rode** to Brazil through the US, Mexico and Central America. The journey took three years. He **had** an amazing time in Rio and **made** lots more friends.



New vocabulary

HOLIDAYS

airport	/ˈeəpɔ:t/	аеропорт
coach	/kəʊtʃ/	автобус
ferry	/ˈferi/	паром
flight	/flaɪt/	політ, переліт
guidebook	/ˈgaɪdbʊk/	путівник
map	/mæp/	мапа
passport	/ˈpɑ:spɔ:t/	паспорт
station	/ˈsteɪʃən/	станція, вокзал
suitcase	/ˈsu:tkeɪs/	валіза
ticket	/ˈtɪkɪt/	квиток
tour guide	/tuə ɡaɪd/	гид, екскурсовод
tourist	/ˈtuəɪst/	турист, туристка

VOCABULARY

Holidays

1 Match the photos A-I to the words in the box.

EP

airport coach ferry flight
guidebook map passport station
suitcase ticket tour guide tourist

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Listen and check. Then repeat.



Transport	Place	Things to make	People

VOCABULARY

Holidays

1 Complete the holiday words with the missing vowels.

0 a _ i _ r p _ o _ r t

1 c _ _ _ ch

2 f _ _ r r y

3 fl _ _ g h t

4 g _ _ _ d _ _ b _ _ _ k

5 m _ _ p

6 p _ _ s s p _ _ r t

7 s t _ _ t _ _ _ n

8 s _ _ _ t c _ _ s _ _

9 t _ _ c k _ _ t

10 t _ _ _ r _ _ s t

11 t _ _ _ r g _ _ _ d _ _

2 Choose the correct verbs to complete the sentences.

- We *arrived at* / *got off* the hotel at 10 o'clock at night.
- Did you *pack* / *catch* the guidebook in your suitcase?
- When we *got on* / *arrived* the bus, there weren't any seats.
- The journey *got off* / *took* 12 hours!

- Did you *arrive at* / *travel by* ferry to France or did you fly?
- We *got off* / *packed* the train when we arrived at our station.
- Can I *travel by* / *catch* a bus to Manchester from here?

2 Look at the verbs in the box and find them in the article.

EP Then complete the phrases using each verb once only.

arrive catch get on / off pack take travel by

a photo a long time

your things

a bus

a train

car

bicycle

at the airport

a train a bus

a suitcase

a bicycle

a plane

train

bus

in the city

3 In small groups, ask and answer the questions.

- Do you have a passport?
- What do you always pack when you go on holiday?
- Are guidebooks useful?
- How do you travel to school/the shops?
- When did you last travel on a coach/plane/train?



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 **4** Match the words with the same vowel sound. Listen and check.

met caught plane flew coach map journey passport

group car catch work phone station bought slept