

READING

1 Quickly read about the best travel websites and apps. Which three apps let you see what people think about the service?

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____

2 Read the descriptions of the apps. Decide which app would be the most suitable for each teenager in Exercise 3.

- 1 Angela doesn't like driving when she goes on holiday. She likes to know that she can rely on a good service to collect her from the airport and take her to her hotel. She doesn't want to waste time queueing or waiting to be picked up.
- 2 Steve loves food and eats out as often as he can when he visits a city. He wants to know the best places to eat and how much they will cost. He also wants to be able to make a reservation.
- 3 Remy likes knowing which places people he knows are visiting when they travel. He also loves knowing the best places to visit at each destination – especially new cafés and restaurants. He also wants to be able to tell other people which places he thinks they should visit.
- 4 Sacha likes to visit unusual places when he goes on holiday. Before he goes away, he wants to know exactly what he needs to pack. He doesn't like to have to pay to download apps.
- 5 Becky is a very sociable person and enjoys talking to the local people in the countries she visits. She wants to know how to order food and ask how to get to different places. She doesn't mind paying for apps.

3 Match the **highlighted** words in the text to their meanings.

- 1 direction to a destination _____
- 2 something that says what will happen in the future _____
- 3 people who have guests _____
- 4 is much better than other similar things or people _____



Best Travel Apps

Home + Away



Home + Away is an app that allows people to rent places to stay: individual rooms and whole homes in 190 countries. It matches guests with hosts, confirms travel dates and organises payment.

In addition, it gives you the opportunity to read guests' reviews about their experience. It's great for people who want a more personal alternative to hotels.

TravelZoom



TravelZoom stands out because of its cool design and social feel. You can read and write reviews of hotels and restaurants you've visited. You can also check on your friends' experiences, find recommendations for places you plan to visit and give advice on any travel topic, such as the best burger in San Francisco!

Jump the Queue



If you don't like queueing for a restaurant while on holiday, this is your website. With more than 40,000 restaurants to choose from, it's the biggest and best app of its kind. It lets you search for places to eat by district, cuisine and customer ratings before booking your table for free, meaning there's no need to wait for a table to become available.

Journey Happy



Do you want to find out how to travel in comfort as well as style? Journey Happy will help you choose a flight based on whether there's good leg room, bigger seats, new planes, faster wi-fi, friendlier cabin crew, fewer passengers and a lot more.

4caster



This free app is perfect for travellers who like to check what the weather will be like. It lets you see what the weather conditions are like in destinations that aren't very well known, like tiny Greek islands or villages in northern Thailand. The forecast gives you the weather in the next hour or for the entire month ahead – so it's good for planning what clothes you need to take with you.

Travelator



If you're going to a country that speaks one of the languages on Travelator, you can learn some useful phrases on this fun language-learning app. The only down side is the price – at \$10, it's the most expensive app in our list.

Go-Go City



Go-Go City connects you with professional taxi drivers in 170 cities around the world directly from your smartphone. You can pay by card or cash, and there's no need to queue or wait for a taxi to pass by because the taxi comes to you in under 15 minutes, wherever you are.

City Router



This new app is a free route planner that covers cities in Europe and North America. It's perfect for checking driving times and distances, and it includes other useful tools like weather forecasts and maps that you can download to your phone.