

PRE-INTERMEDIATE UNIT 3

- 1 Work in pairs and discuss. How do you usually spend your free time?
- 2 Read the extracts from the Exciting Experiences website and put the experiences in your order of preference (1 = best, 4 = worst). Compare your ideas with a partner.

1 **Photography tour of London at night**

This tour is perfect for anyone keen on photography – beginners and experienced photographers alike. Spend an evening visiting some of London's most iconic sights like Big Ben and Piccadilly Circus, and receive expert tips on creating beautiful images after dark.



All our guides are local professional photographers who love helping people improve their skills.

2 **Zookeeper for a day**

This experience is an animal-lover's dream! You learn all about the daily routines of lots of different animals from an expert and have plenty of opportunities to get your hands dirty! You work with a zookeeper at a local zoo for a whole day, doing everything from feeding baby penguins and lions to washing African elephants. Your day begins when the animals wake up, so be prepared for an early start!

3 **Sushi-making class**

This class teaches you everything you need to know about making sushi from scratch. Learn all about the ingredients and different types of sushi, then prepare four different dishes by yourself. You don't need to be good at cooking because our teachers are top Japanese chefs who will teach you how to cut the fish and prepare the rice and vegetables to make a delicious, healthy meal. After class, share your mouth-watering creations with your classmates and receive your very own sushi-making kit to take home with you!

4 **Secret Agent School**

Are you fed up with doing the same things every weekend? Do something different and spend a day learning all about how to be a spy from real ex-secret agents! They teach you all you need to know, from where to hide cameras to how to crack codes. You get to play with lots of spy gadgets and learn how to defend yourself against evil villains*!

*evil villains = the bad characters in a book or film

- 3 Read the extracts again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false sentences.

- 1 You have to be an experienced photographer to go on the London at night tour.
- 2 The photography tour guides are all experts.
- 3 The zookeeper experience is only in the morning.
- 4 The main ingredients of sushi are meat and rice.
- 5 On the spy course, you learn how to use a camera.
- 6 On the spy course, you learn how to protect yourself from bad people.

- 4 Find words or phrases in the extracts that have a similar meaning to the definitions below.

- 1 very famous and popular places (extract 1)
- 2 useful information or advice from a person who knows a lot about the subject (extract 1)
- 3 at night (extract 1)
- 4 lots of chances (extract 2)
- 5 make something from the beginning (extract 3)
- 6 absolutely delicious (extract 3)
- 7 bored or unhappy (extract 4)
- 8 find an answer (extract 4)

- 5 **3.1** Listen to James talking to Alison, a salesperson for the Exciting Experiences website. Which experience day is he asking about?

- 6 Listen again and choose the correct answer.

- 1 The course is _____
a) all day. b) only in the morning.
- 2 The trainer _____
a) is a secret agent. b) was a secret agent.
- 3 You can do the course _____
a) every day. b) on some days.
- 4 The course is _____ London.
a) near to b) in
- 5 You _____ take lunch with you.
a) have to b) don't have to
- 6 You need to wear _____
a) sports shoes. b) smart shoes.

- 7 The extracts below are from the recording. Match the words and phrases in bold with their meanings a)–f).

- 1 ... it's very **hands-on**, you actually get to use spy gadgets like hidden cameras and microphones.
- 2 You'll also drive an off-road car, which is the **highlight** for a lot of people.
- 3 You use maps and **clues** and gadgets ...
- 4 ... to **sneak into** a building ...
- 5 I don't work on Fridays so that **suits me**.
- 6 Just wear something comfortable that you won't mind getting **messy**.

- practical
- dirty
- is convenient
- go somewhere quietly so nobody sees or hears you
- a piece of information that helps solve a mystery
- the most interesting or enjoyable thing

- 8 Work in pairs. Choose one of the experience days in Exercise 2 and have a conversation like James and Alison's. Find out as much information as you can about the experience.