

Written mid-term

Inglés para el turismo 1 — ISICANA



AMANDA is a travel agent from Buenos Aires, Argentina. Today she's working in her office. She has to find destinations for different groups of tourists. Now she's thinking about Mexico. Let's join her!



1. Reading Section. Read about Mexico.

Mexico is a great destination that combines beautiful natural settings, cities with pre-Hispanic, colonial and modern heritage, a wide variety of exquisite delicacies that delight palates, and fascinating traditions that captivate the visitor.

From the beach to the mountains, from the desert to the jungle, from the archaeological zone to the vibrant cities, from sweet to spicy flavors, from relaxing to the happy of its parties, Mexico has everything that tourists are looking for, which is well received by the warmth of its people. Mexico has 32 states to fall in love with.



THINGS TO DO AND SEE IN MEXICO CITY — {Let's go to the capital city}

Mexico City truly is a capital city to rival all others. It is known as the City of Palaces due to its high number of stately buildings: most being gathered in the city centre and it also has the largest number of museums in the world. Plaza de la Constitución in Centro Histórico (Historic Downtown) is one of the largest in the world and an excellent place to start your sightseeing.

La Catedral, the largest and oldest in the Americas is here. Dating back to the 16th century, the gothic cathedral is an amazing sight with 4 facades, 16 chapels each dedicated to a different saint and many altars, the principle one made from solid gold.

There really is something to offer everyone in Mexico City and the number of attractions the city has to offer is truly amazing. There are no beaches in Mexico City but there are plenty of parks, squares, bars and restaurants with which to relax between attractions and take in some of the great atmosphere and culture of this incredible city.

Choose the correct option and answer:

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| • Mexico has lots of landforms and weather | TRUE | FALSE |
| • Mexico has few museums | TRUE | FALSE |
| • La Catedral has a silver altar | TRUE | FALSE |
| • You can start sightseeing in the city of palaces | TRUE | FALSE |
| • Some of the activities you can do in Mexico include water sports | TRUE | FALSE |

Answer the following questions

Why is Mexico called "City of palaces"?

What kind of activities can you do in Mexico according to the text?

After reading the article, how can you describe Mexico*

Language in Use

- a. Amanda is an expert in Mexican culture. Read and complete the article about a fascinating celebration called "Day of the dead". Use Present Simple

BE – PREPARE – DECORATE – TAKE PLACE – HAVE - NOT THINK



Every year, a unique tradition and celebration _____ place in Mexico. It is a two-day holiday that reunite the living and the dead.

Families _____ "ofrendas" to share with their departed relatives.

Many people also _____ altars with colorful flowers.

Skulls _____ usually all over the place. Mexicans _____ this decoration is to honor death but to help their dead relatives to find the way.

Mexicans _____ a wonderful way to honor their families.



b. Complete this dialog between Amanda and a woman who wants to visit Ecuador. **Make questions using PRESENT SIMPLE**

Amanda: _____?

Woman: **I like the beach and very hot weather.** That's why I'm interested in Ecuador.

Amanda: _____?

Woman: **Yes, I do.** I love flying. So, please, by plane...

Amanda: _____?

Woman: I don't like bed and breakfasts. **I prefer hotels.**

Amanda: _____?

Woman: I want to spend **two weeks** there.

Vocabulary section.



A. Amanda has to give some tips to a group of tourists who are visiting Europe next month. Look at the pictures and **complete with one word or one phrase**

It's important to learn the _____ to communicate with local people.		Be careful with the _____ because you may lose money.	
_____ Is really important to have a nice place to sleep.		You shouldn't go during the _____ because there are too many people. It can be uncomfortable and exhausting.	
Check the _____ before going so you can choose appropriate outfits.		Your _____ is the place that you are going to visit.	
Be sure you don't take a lot of _____.		_____ are the people who will help you to organize your trips.	

Now she is taking people to celebrate the annual carnival in Gualeguaychú in our country.
Look at the options and complete with the best option possible.

popular, crowded, traditional, exciting, expensive, cheap, festival, concert, food fair



One of the most _____ (1) events in Argentina is the Carnival of Gualeguaychú. This _____ (2) takes place every summer and is known for its vibrant parades and costumes. The streets become _____ (3) with locals and tourists alike, all eager to take part in the celebrations.



The highlight of the Carnival is the _____ (4) featuring famous musicians and dancers. The performances are incredibly _____ (5) and keep the audience entertained throughout the night. While some parts of the event can be quite _____ (6), such as front-row tickets to the _____ (7), there are also many _____ (8) options available, like street food and local crafts.

Visitors can also enjoy a _____ (9), where they can taste a variety of delicious Argentine dishes, from empanadas to choripán. The Carnival of Gualeguaychú is a perfect blend of _____ (10) customs and modern festivities, making it an unforgettable experience for everyone.

Writing task

Choose one of the following two topics

- a- A landmark and a celebration
- b- A great destination from your country



Write brief paragraphs using your own ideas and vocabulary from the units. (100- 120 words)

You can use these questions to guide yourself.

- Why is this place famous? What historical events took place there?
- What kind of activities, celebrations and traditions can we see there?
- What can you buy, eat and learn?
- Why do you like this place?

**GREAT JOB! THIS IS THE
END**

LIVEWORKSHEETS