

2 Pre-reading task

Circle the letter of the best option to complete each sentence. Use a dictionary if you need to.

- 1 If you use a _____, you can breathe with your face underwater while you're swimming at the surface.
A mask B snorkel C reef
- 2 I love the _____ of the countryside here – it's so calm and there's no noise at all.
A tranquility B capacity C softness
- 3 You could see the island from the coast – it wasn't far at all from the _____.
A homeland B inland C mainland
- 4 The _____ of the town where we stayed were all very friendly to tourists.
A populations B neighbourhoods C residents
- 5 The hot water appears naturally out of the ground – it's a hot _____.
A spring B well C tap
- 6 I practise _____ every morning because it makes me feel calm and relaxed.
A reduction B meditation C location



3 Five-minute reading task: Scanning

Read the three short texts about day trips from popular holiday resorts then answer the questions that follow. Try to complete the task in five minutes or less.

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1 The Blue Hole, Dahab, Egypt

The famous Blue Hole is a 100-metre-deep hole in the coral reef near Dahab. We offer day trips there for just \$75 per person, with reductions for groups of six or more. After a two-hour drive from the popular resort of Sharm-el-Sheikh, you'll arrive in Dahab just in time for lunch at one of the many local cafés (not included, but costs around \$7 per person). After lunch, you'll be taken to the Blue Hole, just 7 km from Dahab, and you'll spend the afternoon snorkelling, swimming and relaxing there. Bring your own face mask and snorkel so that you can see the thousands of colourful reef fish. We'll stop for an hour in the desert before returning to Sharm-el-Sheikh, so you can experience the peace and tranquility of this beautiful location as day turns to night.