

1 Choose the best answer.

- 1 We were on a ____ of the city when it started to rain.
A tour B journey C explore
- 2 Excuse me. I think that's my ____.
My ticket says 17B.
A engine B seat C luggage
- 3 While we were checking in our ____,
we remembered our passports were in the car!
A luggage B tickets C seat
- 4 Our bus stopped but a ____ came and fixed it.
A tourist B explorer C mechanic
- 5 The ____ from London to Paris took less than
three hours by train.
A travel B sailing C journey
- 6 We took three ____ with us when we went on
holiday last summer.
A suitcases B luggage C tickets
- 7 We want to see all the famous sights, so we plan
to ____ the city with a tour guide.
A trip B travel C explore
- 8 There are lots of things for ____ to see in this city.
A tourists B journeys C transport

EXAM SKILL

Choosing the right word

- Some tasks with a gapped text give you a set of answer options to choose from. The options for each gap are always all the same part of speech, for example, nouns, verbs, adjectives, linking words, etc.
- The answer options also often have a similar meaning, for example, *trip* (n), *journey* (n), *holiday* (n) or *travel* (n), but only one is correct.
- Before choosing your answer, pay attention to the words before and after the gap. They will give you clues to help you choose the correct answer.

2 Look at the words before and after each gap. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence. Then underline the word before or after the gap which gave you the clue.

- 1 I feel ill when I travel by car, so I never have a ____ meal before I go on a long car journey. **big / daily**
- 2 We waited at the railway ____ until Aunt Ruby's train arrived. **stop / station**
- 3 Mum loves beach ____ but Dad prefers going to the mountains. **journeys / holidays**
- 4 We arrived at the hotel ____ late so we were too late for dinner. **really / especially**
- 5 We aren't ____ away this year because I have a summer job. **travelling / going**

OPTIMISE YOUR EXAM

3-option multiple-choice cloze

- When answer options have similar meanings, think about how they are different. For example, *trip* (n), *journey* (n), *holiday* (n) are similar, but only one can complete the sentence *Lucy went on ____ with her friends last year.* (Note: *holiday* is the only correct option as it collocates with *on*.)
- Read the sentences with each option before you choose your answer. If you are not completely sure which option to choose, cross out any that you think are wrong and then choose the most likely option.

3 For each question, choose the correct answer.



In 2012 Australian teenager Réka Kaponay was living in Melbourne and doing the things most students do in the holidays. She often (1) ____ away with her parents who enjoyed (2) ____ all over Australia. They wanted to show Réka a lot of famous (3) _____. Then one day they (4) ____ to sell everything and go on a long (5) _____. They only took two suitcases with them! They began in North America, then in the next four years they went to 32 countries and six continents. Réka posted pictures of her (6) ____ most days on her blog. While she travelled she studied and found out about the people and places she visited and, in 2016, she wrote a book about all the places she saw.

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| 1 A came | B moved | C went |
| 2 A travelling | B moving | C hopping |
| 3 A sights | B views | C scenes |
| 4 A decided | B discussed | C planned |
| 5 A visit | B journey | C travel |
| 6 A tours | B practices | C adventures |