Functional language

Ask for, follow and give directions

1 Put directions a–f in the correct order 1–6.

a Start at the theatre on Main Street. Go ... 1

b on down Wellington Street and then turn right .....

c along Main Street until you get to the bank. Turn .....

d at the supermarket. Go along Bute Street until you get to the library. Cross .....

e over the road at the library and the Tourist Information Centre is next to the bus station. .....

f left when you get to the traffic lights after you pass the bank. Go straight .....



2 Put the words in the correct order to complete the conversations.

1 A: Excuse me, can you tell me how to get to the library?
B: road on / the left / Sure. Walk / this street, / and take / the first / along
1 *Sure. Walk along this street and take the first road on the left.*
A: OK.
B: opposite / It's / park / the
2 .....

2 A: way / the quickest / What's / to Glen Street / ?
3 .....
B: I'm not sure, actually. Try the tourist information office.
A: there / get / How / I / do / ?
4 .....
B: Sorry, I don't know. I'm new here.

3 A: Go straight on / is / on your / left / and / the swimming pool
5 .....
B: I'm sure I went that way before...
A: next to / It's / supermarket / a big
6 .....
B: Oh! I know where it is, thank you!

4 A: Do you know where Gigi's Italian restaurant is?
B: it's / Yes, / the theatre / across from
7 .....
A: The theatre, I don't remember where that is ... Is it far?
B: It's / 15 minutes' / about / walk
8 .....

Listening

1 3.01 **Listen to three people talking about how they have kept in touch with friends. Match statements a–c with speakers 1–3.**

a It's easy to stay in touch if you want to. .....

b Friends come and go. .....

c Catching up with old friends is an annual tradition. .....

2 Listen again and answer the questions.

1 How many cities has speaker 1 lived in?
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2 Which group of friends are difficult for speaker 1 to meet?
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3 How many times a year does speaker 1 meet her childhood friends?
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4 How did speaker 2 use to communicate with friends?
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5 How does speaker 2 communicate with friends these days?
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6 Why did speaker 3 move around so much?
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7 How many friends does speaker 3 keep in touch with?
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8 Why does speaker 3 think that it's difficult to stay friends with people from her past?
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3a Which speaker 1–3:

a thinks some friendships can last forever? .....

b feels their life is not the same as some of their friends'? .....

c thinks social media makes keeping in touch easy? .....

d thinks people are sometimes too lazy to keep in touch? .....

e feels that it's easy to be friends with people they work with? .....

f says we shouldn't feel too sad about losing friends? .....

b Listen again and check.

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Reading

1 Read the article. What's it about? Choose the correct alternative a, b or c.

a saving money by staying at home
b rediscovering the place where you live
c the best places to visit in a city

2 Read the article again and answer the questions.

1 What two adjectives does the writer use to describe the hop-on hop-off bus?

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2 Why does the writer recommend taking a notebook?

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3 What 'romantic' activities does the writer suggest you can do in your city?

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4 According to the writer, how do our busy lives affect our friendships?

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5 Why does the writer recommend visiting an art gallery?

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6 What advice does the writer give about taking photos?

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3 Complete the summary of suggestions from the article.

1 Take a _____ to see the sights! (tip 1)
2 Appreciate the views in your city at _____. (tip 2)
3 We should make the time to catch up with _____. (tip 3)
4 You can feel like you're on holiday if you do something _____ from what you usually do. (tip 4)
5 Leave your _____ at home so you can enjoy the moment! (tip 5)

4 Read the article again and find a word or phrase which means:

1 very close to where you live (tip 1)

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2 a specific location/place (tip 2)

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3 talking about what you've done recently (tip 3)

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4 on holiday (tip 4)

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5 taking photos quickly (tip 5)

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How to be a tourist in your own town

When an economic crisis hits we tend to look closer to home for fun and adventure – and we might be surprised at what we discover. Here are five tips for how to reconnect with your hometown.

1 Take a tourist bus

When you visit a new place it's a good idea to get familiar with the city quickly and a hop-on hop-off bus is the quickest and most comfortable way to explore. But why not try it in your own city? How many places do you really know? You'll be amazed to discover what's on your doorstep. To enjoy the experience more, take a notebook and write down all the new places you find. Then when you get home or back to the office, you can impress everyone with fascinating facts about your city!

2 Make a date with your city

Making a date with your city may sound silly, but how often do you watch the sunset or stop and admire the buildings or monuments in your city? Think about all the tourists that arrive in coaches – they must be coming for something, right? It can be as simple as finding a spot where you can admire the skyline at sunset. Take a snack and a book and appreciate the view with the eyes of a tourist.

3 Reconnect with old friends and try out that restaurant

Make that dinner date! In the routine of work, family and other responsibilities, time passes and before you know it, you haven't seen your best friend for a year! If you take a break in your own city, you can make dates that you don't usually have time for. How many restaurants have opened in the last six months in your city? More than you would imagine. So, get the *What's On* guide and see what's new, book a table and meet up with that long-lost friend. An evening out catching up with a friend can be as good as a holiday!

4 Be a culture vulture for one day

Do something completely different. If you haven't seen much art before, go to an art gallery. If you don't know much about history, go to an exhibition at your local museum. Just breaking your routine can make you feel like you're away. You might even surprise yourself and find a new interest or find a new hobby you want to take up.

5 Leave your camera at home

When we travel, there's always the pressure of taking photos (to quickly post them on social media sites), but why do we have to photograph every street corner or monument we see? Maybe it's because you know you might not see it again. This doesn't happen in your own city. The city isn't going anywhere, so instead of worrying about snapping everything in sight, you can relax and enjoy the moment.

So take a map, put on your tourist hat and go explore! You might just fall in love with your own city ... again.

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