

Break the Ice

Read the following info and fill in the blanks with the choices provided.

arrangements	fee	process	semester
student visa	advisor	application	program

If you want to spend a(n) 1. _____ in the US and are not a US citizen, you will need to obtain a(n) 2. _____. Applying for one can be a long 3. _____, so make sure you start making 4. _____ well in advance—at least three to five months before your 5. _____ due to start. There are usually several steps involved. These steps vary at each US embassy, so it's important to meet with the study abroad 6. _____ at your school or consult the instructions on the Web site of the embassy where you intend to apply.

In general, prospective students will go through five stages:

- ◆ Apply to and be accepted by a Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)-approved school in the US.
- ◆ Pay the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) fee.
- ◆ Complete a US student visa 7. _____ along with recent photos.
- ◆ Pay the visa 8. _____.
- ◆ Schedule and attend a visa interview.

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Language Center

Match the sentences.

Question:

- _____ 1. Is it difficult to make Italian food?
- _____ 2. Why do you look so anxious? Is everything all right?
- _____ 3. Do you think I should get a new car?
- _____ 4. Does it take a lot of effort to keep a rabbit?
- _____ 5. Are you worried about the journey?
- _____ 6. Did you give the new furniture some thought?
- _____ 7. What's the book like?
- _____ 8. Are you afraid of the dark?

Response:

- a. Yes. I'm scared of flying. It makes me nervous.
- b. Yeah. I think we need two chairs and a table.
- c. No. It's easy enough. It's mostly pasta and tomatoes.
- d. It's very difficult to read. History is no walk in the park.
- e. They're expensive. Don't rush into it.
- f. No. Only kids are. It doesn't bother me at all.
- g. No. It's a breeze. Their food is cheap too.
- h. Yes. I'm just worried about meeting Jim's parents.

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Grammar

Rewrite the sentences using the words given.

1. She spends most of her time in France. (where)
→ France is the place _____.
2. Taiwan has a lot of beautiful places. It has Jade Mountain, Sun Moon Lake, and Kenting.
(for example)
→ Taiwan has _____.
3. I don't eat meat. I'm a vegetarian. (in fact)
→ _____.
4. You should exercise more. You will be unhealthy. (otherwise)
→ You should _____.
5. We have all kinds of drinks. The wine is for adults only. (however)
→ We have _____.
6. We got to the hotel on the 25th. (when)
→ The 25th was the date _____.

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Reading

Read the following info. Fill in the blanks with the choices provided: explores, observe, adventures, opportunity, biology, located, survey, marine.

Unique Study Abroad Programs

- ◆ If you are a(n) 1. _____ student looking for 2. _____, Seamester may be perfect for you. You can spend a semester sailing around the world. Students gain college credit while learning about 3. _____ sciences and seamanship, and you also get your sailing and scuba diving certifications along the way.
- ◆ The School for Field Studies' Rainforest to Reef program is for the environmentally minded. The curriculum 4. _____ environmental, social, and economic issues in Australia. You'll get to 5. _____ different ecosystems and see incredible wildlife.
- ◆ The Institute for Field Research program gives students the rare 6. _____ to witness an archaeological dig. You'll travel to the prehistoric village of Yangganzhai, which is 7. _____ in northwest China. There, you and your classmates will get to partake in lectures and possibly also do 8. _____ work at a nearby site.

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