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Words you need... 15.1

▸ a carnival

▸ a castle

▸ a cathedral

▸ a map

- **an excursion** a short journey to see an interesting place
- **famous** known about by many people
- **a festival** a series of performances, e.g. of music, movies or dancing
- **a guidebook** a book that gives visitors information about a place
- **historic** Historic buildings are very old.
- **local** from the area where you are
- **to look round (somewhere)** to go to a place and look at things there
- **a palace** a large house where a king, queen, or very important person lives or used to live
- **sightseeing** the activity of visiting interesting places
- **a tourist** someone who visits a place for enjoyment

Exercise 1

Use words from the 'Words you need' box to complete the sentences.

1 Sydney Opera House is one of the most *famous* buildings in the world.
2 In July, there is a jazz _____ in San Francisco.
3 If you go walking in the mountains, you need a good _____.
4 We visited some of the amazing Indian _____ where the royal families used to live.
5 We ate at restaurants that our _____ recommended.
6 There are always a lot of _____ in Venice.
7 We visited some of the _____ buildings in the old part of the city.
8 We spent the afternoon _____ the museum.

Exercise 2 15.2

Listen to and read these two descriptions of places. Are the following sentences (1–6) true (T) or false (F)?

If you enjoy sightseeing, then **Venice** is the place for you! Come and see our beautiful canals and historic buildings, which you can see from the water or the land. No trip would be complete without a visit to St Mark's Basilica, the city's cathedral. If you prefer a lively time, our carnival lasts for two weeks each year – come and have fun with us!

Come to **Buenos Aires**, the city of football and dancing! Stay in a hotel, apartment, or even a castle. Explore our city and try the delicious local food, especially our famous meat! If you want to get away, go on an excursion around the beautiful islands nearby, where you can relax on the beach.

1 Venice has mostly modern buildings. *F*
2 Venice does not have a cathedral. ____
3 The carnival in Venice happens every year. ____
4 In Buenos Aires, you can stay in a castle. ____
5 Many people say the meat in Argentina is good. ____
6 There are no beaches near Buenos Aires. ____

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