

A.- Check your understanding: multiple choice

Time for an adventure?

Are you a bit bored with your nine-to-five routine? Have a look at our exciting range of holidays and decide what type of adventure you'd like.

Activity holidays Our activity holidays are for everyone, people who love danger or who just like sports. We have a huge variety of water, snow or desert holidays. We'll take you SCUBA diving in the Red Sea or kayaking and white water rafting in Canada. If you prefer snow, you can try skiing or snowboarding in the Alps or even igloo-building. For those who like warmer weather, we also have sandboarding (the desert version of skateboarding) or camel safaris.



Polar expeditions Take a cruise to Antarctica or the northern Arctic; explore a land of white natural beauty and wonderful wildlife. Our experts will explain everything about the two poles as you watch the penguins in Antarctica or whales and polar bears in the Arctic. There's no greater adventure than travelling to the ends of the earth. A once-in-a-lifetime experience!



Cultural journeys Our cultural journeys will help you discover ancient civilisations: India, Thailand, Egypt and many more. Visit temples, palaces and ancient ruins — just remember to bring your camera! Get to know local ways of life by exploring markets, trying exotic foods and meeting local people.



Trekking tours We have trekking holidays to famous places such as Machu Picchu or the Everest Base Camp Trek, as well as some nearer to home in the Highlands of Scotland. You don't need to be very sporty, just fairly fit. You'll have a great time enjoying nature with a group of new friends. Some of the holidays include camping, but we'll transport the tents for you!



Wildlife holidays We organise small-group tours to get closer to nature in Africa, Asia or South America. Go on safari in Africa and watch lions and giraffes. Meet the famous turtles of the Galapagos Islands. Look for tigers in India, or take an elephant safari in Sri Lanka. We use local guides and stay in a range of accommodation, from tents to tree houses.



Circle all the holidays that answer the question.

- On which holiday(s) can you see animals?
 - Activity holidays
 - Polar expeditions
 - Cultural journeys
 - Trekking tours
 - Wildlife holidays
- On which holiday(s) do you need to be reasonably fit?
 - Activity holidays
 - Polar expeditions
 - Cultural journeys
 - Trekking tours
 - Wildlife holidays
- On which holiday(s) can you meet local people?
 - Activity holidays
 - Polar expeditions
 - Cultural journeys
 - Trekking tours
 - Wildlife holidays
- On which holiday(s) can you go camping?
 - Activity holidays
 - Polar expeditions
 - Cultural journeys
 - Trekking tours
 - Wildlife holidays
- On which holiday(s) might you go up a mountain?
 - Activity holidays
 - Polar expeditions
 - Cultural journeys
 - Trekking tours
 - Wildlife holidays
- On which holiday(s) might you need special clothes or shoes?
 - Activity holidays
 - Polar expeditions
 - Cultural journeys
 - Trekking tours
 - Wildlife holidays

My last holiday

My last holiday was a five-day trip to Prague in the Czech Republic. I know Prague well because I lived there when I was at university, more than ten years ago.

Instead of staying in a hotel, I stayed with one of my old friends. It was so much fun, and a little bit like my old life. I wanted to do all the same things I did in my university days, so I visited the university. It has changed a lot and looks more modern. I also went to the supermarket near my old house. I loved seeing all the different foods. I was really happy to find my favourite cheese and chocolate biscuits but they were a bit more expensive than I remember!

We did some touristy things too. We walked up beautiful Petrin Hill and around the castle. The views of the city are amazing up there. We walked across the historic Charles Bridge. My friend's flat is very near the TV Tower so we saw the famous baby statues climbing up it. Those things haven't changed, of course.

B.- Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

1. The writer knows Prague because ...
 - a. they lived there for ten years.
 - b. they lived there before.
2. On their holiday, they wanted to ...
 - a. do new things.
 - b. do familiar things.
3. Staying with a friend was like ...
 - a. the writer's old life.
 - b. staying in a hotel.
4. They were surprised about ...
 - a. finding the cheese.
 - b. the price of the cheese.
5. Charles Bridge and the TV Tower ...
 - a. have changed a lot.
 - b. haven't changed a lot.

Las Vegas (B1)

Last April, John took a trip to Las Vegas, Nevada. Las Vegas is a popular destination in the western portion of the United States. The town is most popular for its casinos, hotels, and exciting nightlife.

In downtown Las Vegas, John spent a lot of time on The Strip, which is a 2.5 mile stretch of shopping, entertainment venues, luxury hotels, and fine dining experiences. This is probably the most commonly visited tourist area in the city. The Strip at night looks especially beautiful. All of the buildings light up with bright, neon, eye-catching signs to attract visitor attention. A stay in Las Vegas can feel similar to a visit to many popular cities worldwide. Many of the hotels have miniature versions of important international sites and monuments. These famous landmarks include the Eiffel Tower, Venice, and even ancient Rome.

One day, John took a side trip outside of the city to visit the Grand Canyon, one of the Seven Wonders of the Natural World. The canyon offers a breathtaking view of Nevada's ridges and natural landscape. John especially liked the canyon because it was removed from all of the noise and movement in downtown Las Vegas.

John had a great time during his trip to Las Vegas. He did not win a lot of money in the casinos. However, he managed to see a lot of amazing sites during his visit to this city that never sleeps.

Did you understand the text?

1) When did John travel to Las Vegas?

- a) Yesterday b) Last weekend c) Last spring d) Last summer

2) What is an activity that a tourist cannot do on The Strip?

- a) Eat b) Stay overnight c) Shop d) Visit the Grand Canyon

3) Which best describes the purpose of the Las Vegas Strip?

- a) It is a 2.5 mile stretch. b) It offers a lot of activities for tourists.
c) There are too many neon lights. d) It keeps tourists safe.

4) Explain why John liked his visit to the Grand Canyon.

- a) The setting was very different from downtown Las Vegas.
b) It is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.
c) John does not enjoy spending time in cities.
d) The Grand Canyon offers a breathtaking view.

5) What does it mean that Las Vegas is a "city that never sleeps?"

- a) A lot of people here have sleep disorders.
b) There is too much noise here for people to sleep.
c) Las Vegas offers exciting activities at all hours.
d) The neon lights keep people awake at night.