

READING

- 1 Read Olivia's blog entry. What does she plan or intend to do in Tokyo?
- 2 Read the online guide to Tokyo. Which paragraphs mention things that are in the blog?



WE'RE OFF TO TOKYO

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I can't wait! We're leaving on Saturday – a taxi is picking us up at 8 am and we're going straight to the airport. We're going to have a great time! On the first day, we're going sightseeing in and around the Roppongi district. We're going to visit a cat café and have a go at gaming. Apart from that, I'm not sure. Mum says we're going to look around the shops but I'm not so sure about that. I've found this great guide to the city, but has anyone got other suggestions?

Olivia Burton



TOKYO



● PLACES TO VISIT

● THINGS TO DO

● WHERE TO STAY



1 FAST FOOD HEAVEN > THE STREETS ARE FULL OF RESTAURANTS selling noodles and sushi. Noodles look like spaghetti and they're served with fried meat, seafood or vegetables. Sushi is rice served with uncooked fish or vegetables. The flavours are incredible. You can even take a class to learn how to prepare your own sushi.



2 TECH CULTURE > IF YOU WANT TO DISCOVER the Japanese love of technology, spend some time in a gaming café. Try the Internet Comic Café Manboo, where you can admire thousands of *manga* comics for sale as well as play all the latest computer games. They rent rooms with sofas where gamers can lie down after long sessions. They even have showers – you'd probably need one after an 8-hour overnight gaming session!



3 FASHIONISTAS > BE SURE TO VISIT the Harajuku district. It's where all the trendy Japanese teens hang out, so be prepared! You're going to see a lot of people wearing 'cosplay' clothing. Cosplay is short for 'costume play' and it's a Japanese pop tradition. Girls and boys dress in incredible costumes inspired by their favourite anime (manga cartoon) or computer game character.



4 WEIRD AND WONDERFUL > TOKYO IS FULL OF UNUSUAL THINGS to see and do. It's hard to walk a block in Tokyo without seeing loads of vending machines! Most sell cold drinks but others sell things like dog food, umbrellas and hamburgers! How about going to one of the famous cat cafés, where you can play with a cat or a kitten while you drink your coffee? There are around 60 cat cafés in Tokyo! There's even a hedgehog café in Roppongi.

3 Read the online guide again and choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is sushi?
A a meat and rice dish
B fresh fish and vegetables
C rice with fish or vegetables
D a type of noodle
- 2 At Manboo, you can't
A buy modern sofas.
B play computer games all night.
C get manga comics.
D have a shower.
- 3 What happens in the Harajuku district?
A Teens play computer games.
B People go to cosplay cafés.
C Japanese pop stars hang out.
D People wear unusual clothes.

- 4 A vending machine is something that
A makes drinks.
B sells drinks.
C cooks food.
D sells sushi.
- 5 Tokyo's cat cafés
A serve Japanese tea.
B have hedgehogs as well.
C are well-known.
D are in the Roppongi district.



TALKING POINTS

Would you like to visit Tokyo? What would you like to see and do there?
What sightseeing would you recommend to visitors to your town or country?

READING

- 1 Read the article quickly. Tick (✓) the best title.
 - 1 How to close your suitcase
 - 2 Going on holiday? What to take and how to take it
 - 3 What not to pack for a holiday
- 2 Read the article again. Choose the correct answer.

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You wrote it!

In this month's article, Portia Plymouth tells us what's she's taking on her summer holiday and how to pack! Great advice, Portia. You have won a £100 voucher to spend at funkybagsforyou.com – a great website that is **sponsoring** this month's *You wrote it!*



- 1 The person who wrote the article is
 - a a professional writer.
 - b a reader.
- 2 The author says strong bags are a good idea because
 - a they travel better.
 - b they are often larger.
- 3 When thinking about the clothes to take, generally she suggests taking
 - a more than you think you need.
 - b less than you think you need.
- 4 The article tells you that when you pack for a summer holiday,
 - a you need two swimsuits.
 - b make sure you have enough shoes.
- 5 Having lots of bags means
 - a you can easily find what you're looking for.
 - b you can pack more quickly.
- 6 You should take things like music and books with you
 - a so you don't get bored.
 - b to help you relax.
- 7 The author says it's a good idea to
 - a think about what to take just before you go.
 - b check that everything will go into your bag.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the highlighted words from the text.

- 1 If you _____ the pizza _____ the oven now, it'll be ready in 15 minutes.
- 2 Lush Cola is _____ the sailing race around the world.
- 3 I bought a pair of shoes, a dress and two _____ in the sales.
- 4 I've made a _____ so I can listen to music on the beach.
- 5 Could you pass me the salt please – I can't _____ it from here.

So, you're going on a summer holiday and your mum says you have to pack your bag yourself! What now? Here are some tips for packing that I've learned the hard way!

- First, find out how much you can take – if you are going on a long flight, you can sometimes take more but not always, so it's important to check. Make sure your bag is a strong one of good quality. Once, when I went to get my bag, I realised that it was open! Everyone could see what was in my bag! Oops!
- Find out what you're going to do and what the weather will be like at your destination. Then make a list of all the clothes you plan to take. And then divide that in half, so if you have four **tops**, take two. One year, I went on holiday and I didn't wear half the clothes I had with me! So ask yourself a few questions, like do you really need five pairs of shoes? (No!) Also, if it's a summer holiday, you're probably going to be wearing your swimsuit most of the time. Make sure you pack two – there's nothing worse than trying to get into a wet swimsuit!
- Do you hate that feeling when you can't find what you're looking for in your bag? Me too! Placing smaller bags inside the bigger bag is the best solution. That way, you can easily **reach** everything. Also, if you're travelling by plane, don't forget that any liquids have to be in a clear plastic bag.
- You don't want to get bored, so it's essential to take things to keep yourself busy while you're travelling and relaxing by the pool. Don't leave it too late to think about your holiday reading and listening. Create some holiday **playlists** for your phone and find some new books by your favourite authors. You could also keep a diary so that in the cold winter months you can read about your wonderful summer!
- Don't leave packing until the last moment. Make a list of everything you need about two weeks before. Then get everything ready. You can also **pop** it **in** your bag a couple of days before – just check it all fits!