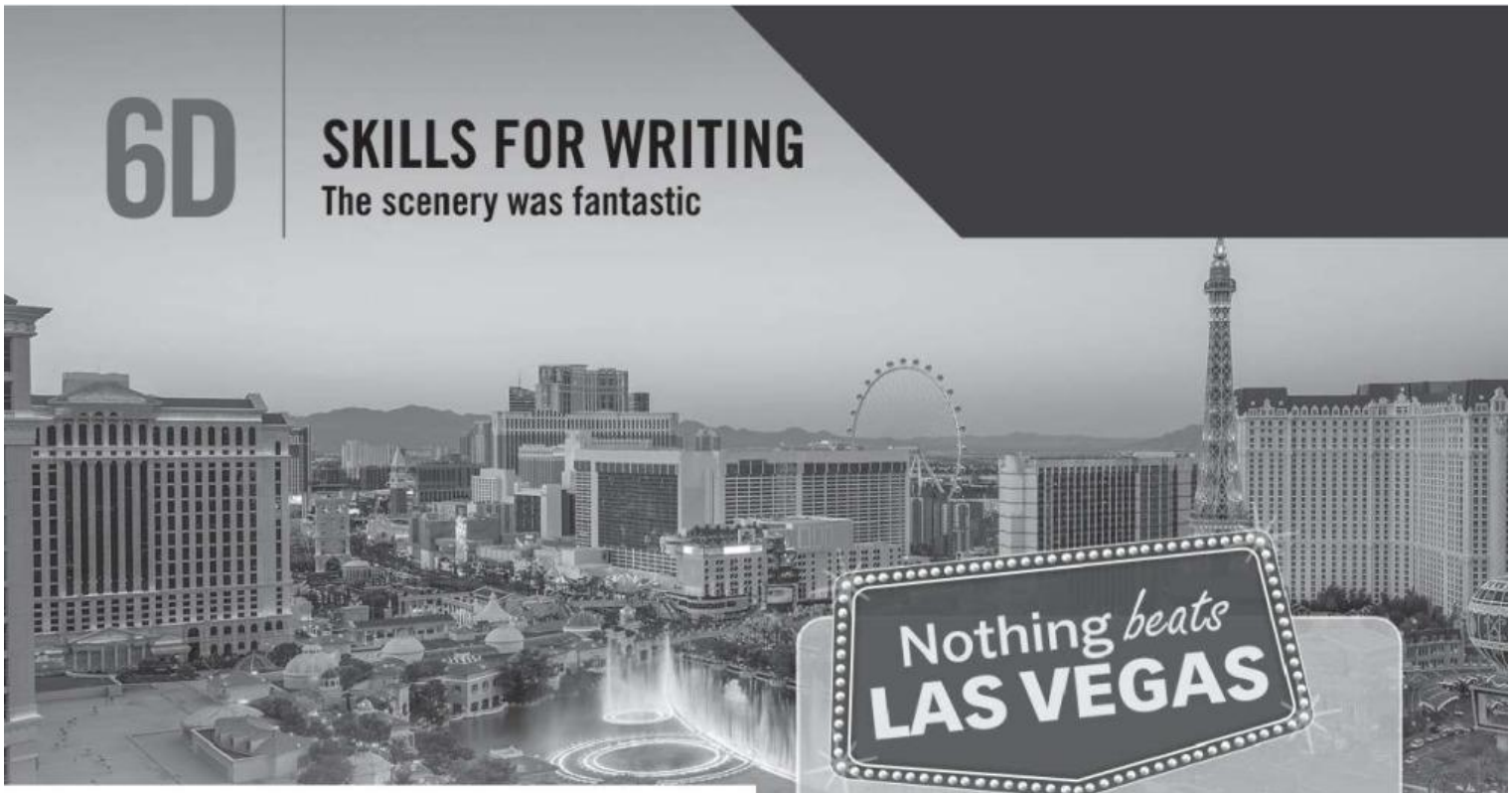
6D SKILLS FOR WRITING
The scenery was fantastic



1 READING

a Read the travel blog. Are the sentences true or false?

1 The bus was cheaper than other kinds of transport.
2 The journey to Vegas was not particularly interesting.
3 It takes a while for Vegas to make an impression on you.
4 The hotel wasn't one of the best in Vegas.
5 The magic show made a big impression on the writer.
6 Vegas is the last stage of their journey.

b Read the blog again and find five adjectives that mean *very good* or *very surprising*.

1 amazing 3 _____ 5 _____
2 _____ 4 _____

Nothing *beats* LAS VEGAS

I wrote 'the madness of Vegas' in my last entry, but that wasn't strong enough to describe what we found in this crazy town. We came from Lake Mead by bus, the cheapest way of getting there. That was an experience in itself because there were some amazing characters on board.

When you first come to Vegas, the sight of all those lights, massive hotels and shopping centres is absolutely awe-inspiring. We were staying in quite an ordinary hotel by Vegas standards, but it was huge. I even got lost in the lobby!

There's so much to do in Vegas: the entertainment is absolutely fabulous. We went to an aquarium, a *Star Trek* museum and a magic show, which was just mind-blowing – I think I'm starting to believe in magic now after seeing all those unbelievable tricks they do.

That was Vegas and it was really the experience of a lifetime. Our next stop is going to be somewhere a lot quieter – that won't be difficult after Vegas.

2 WRITING SKILLS
Using descriptive language

a Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1 through / absolutely / the journey on / quiet trails / the dark forest was / unforgettable .
The journey on quiet trails through the dark forest was absolutely unforgettable.

2 unbelievable, with / the scenery was / deep snow / absolutely / high mountains in .
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3 absolutely / you'll find it / easy to / get to / cheap and / mind-blowing, and it's .
_____

4 original / wooden houses / old town is / fabulous, / the / absolutely / especially the .
_____

5 this world / absolutely / recognisable because it's / the Taj Mahal / is instantly / out of .
_____

6 in their / we spent / cosy cottage / awesome day with some / an absolutely / friendly villagers .
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3 WRITING

a Write a travel blog about a place you've been to (different from the one you wrote about in Exercise 4 on p. 77 of the Student's Book). Use the notes to help you.

- Where you went (what kind of place is it? how did you get there? where did you stay?)
- What you did (sightseeing, entertainment, meeting people, food)
- What you saw (interesting features)
- What it was like (the good and bad points; would you recommend it?)

LIVEWORKSHEETS