Name _____ **Date** _____

London Travel-Budget Challenge

Plan a Day to Remember

You and your friends are visiting London next Saturday. Each person has £75 for train and bus tickets, food and drinks, at least one attraction, and a souvenir. Plan each person's spending separately; you cannot borrow from a friend's budget.

Use these fictional classroom prices, not actual fares or admission prices: return train ticket, £24; all-day bus ticket, £6; lunch, £10; drinks for the day, £4; evening snack, £5; museum visit, free; observation deck, £20; river cruise, £15; souvenir postcard pack, £3; souvenir notebook, £6. Select one souvenir. Every paid attraction takes one hour; the museum visit takes one hour too. All attractions are available between 10:00 and 17:00. Allow at least 30 minutes between activities at different locations.

Your return train ticket covers arrival in London at 09:00 and departure at 19:00. Everyone is meeting at the home station at 07:45 and boarding the outbound train at 08:00. Decide the remaining arrangements before writing. Include lunch, drinks, and the evening snack in your budget.

The present progressive can express decided, organized future arrangements. Its pattern is: subject + am/is/are + verb-ing + future time. A future time can appear in the sentence or be clear from the context. Examples: "I am visiting London." "We are travelling by train." "She is meeting us at 14.00." In this challenge, next Saturday supplies the future context. Use time expressions to make your itinerary clear. State prices and budget facts naturally: "The ticket costs £24." Do not force budget facts into the present progressive.

Fill in the Blank: Complete Each Arrangement

Word Bank: meeting • buying • are • visiting • am. Use each entry once.

1. Next Saturday, I _____ visiting London with my friends.
2. We _____ taking the train at 08:00 next Saturday.
3. She is _____ us at the home station at 07:45 next Saturday.
4. We are _____ the free museum at 10:00 next Saturday.
5. I am _____ a souvenir notebook after lunch next Saturday.

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Multiple Choice Questions

Choose the correct answer. Use the scenario, classroom prices, and grammar reminder.

1. Which sentence uses the present progressive for an organized future arrangement?
    a. We visited London last Saturday.
    b. We are visiting London next Saturday.
    c. We visits London next Saturday.
    d. We visiting London next Saturday.
2. How much does each person spend on the return train ticket and all-day bus ticket together?
    a. £24
    b. £28
    c. £36
    d. £30
3. You buy both transport tickets, lunch, drinks, the evening snack, and a postcard pack. How much remains for attractions or savings?
    a. £23
    b. £26
    c. £20
    d. £18
4. Which attraction plan stays within £75 when you also buy both transport tickets, all required food and drinks, and a postcard pack?
    a. Two observation-deck visits.
    b. One observation-deck visit and one river cruise.
    c. One museum visit and one river cruise.
    d. Two river cruises.
5. Your museum visit begins at 10:00 and lasts one hour. Which river-cruise start time first allows the required travel time?
    a. 10:30
    b. 11:30
    c. 11:00
    d. 10:00

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Open-Ended Questions: Finalize Your Trip

Answer in complete sentences. Use the classroom prices and check your timing. Use additional paper or a separate document for the final writing task.

1. Choose your attraction or attractions and one souvenir. List every expense per person, including both transport tickets, lunch, drinks, and the evening snack. State your total and remaining money. Explain why your choices fit the £75 limit.

2. Write four present-progressive sentences confirming your arrangements for next Saturday. Include the station meeting, an attraction, a meal, and the return journey. Give times and allow at least 30 minutes between activities at different locations.

3. Write a detailed, organized text of about 500 words describing your finalized London itinerary and spending plan. Use the present progressive consistently for future arrangements. Include your companions, meeting and train times, bus travel, meals and drinks, at least one attraction, your souvenir, and your return journey. Explain each expense, your total, and any remaining money. Organize events chronologically, include realistic travel gaps, and explain your choices. Use simple present forms where appropriate for prices and budget facts. Plan your paragraphs below, then write the full text on additional paper or in a separate document.

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Answer Key

Fill in the Blank

1. am
2. are
3. meeting
4. visiting
5. buying

Multiple Choice

1. B — We are visiting London next Saturday.
2. D — £30.
3. A — £23 remains after spending £52.
4. C — The museum and cruise bring the total to £67.
5. B — 11:30 allows 30 minutes after the museum visit ends.

Open-Ended Example Responses

1. I am choosing the museum, river cruise, and postcard pack. My return train ticket costs £24, and my bus ticket costs £6. Lunch costs £10, drinks cost £4, and the evening snack costs £5. The museum is free, the cruise costs £15, and the postcards cost £3. My total is £67, leaving £8. This plan covers every required category without exceeding £75.
2. We are meeting at the home station at 07:45 next Saturday. We are visiting the museum from 10:00 to 11:00. We are eating lunch at 12:00. We are taking the return train from London at 19:00. These arrangements leave sufficient time between locations.
3. Sample excerpt, not a full-length submission: “Next Saturday, my friends and I are visiting London. We are meeting at the home station at 07:45 and boarding our train at 08:00. My return ticket costs £24. After arriving at 09:00, we are taking a bus toward the museum. My all-day bus ticket costs £6. We are visiting the free museum from 10:00 to 11:00 and eating lunch at 12:00. Lunch costs £10, and my drinks for the day cost £4. We are taking the river cruise from 14:00 to 15:00 for £15. At 16:00, I am buying a £3 postcard pack. We are having a £5 snack at 17:00 and returning to the station at 18:00 for our 19:00 train. My total is £67, so I have £8 left.” Accept varied plans that meet all constraints. A full response should approach 500 words, develop reasons and details without inventing required costs, use chronological paragraphs, and consistently express finalized arrangements with the present progressive. Review this closely for accuracy, especially in math, as AI may have limitations.

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