

## READING AND USE OF ENGLISH

Complete the gaps in the text with one word only.

### Exploring Fiji

The republic of Fiji is an island nation \_\_\_\_\_ the south Pacific. It is a top destination for young backpackers on a round-the-world tour, as it is the perfect place to relax and re-fuel between leaving Australia and arriving in America.

Fiji is famous \_\_\_\_\_ its stunning volcanic islands, white beaches and crystal clear seas. But if you are after something a little more energetic \_\_\_\_\_ simply lying in the sun all day, you can take a boat trip or \_\_\_\_\_ snorkeling on one of Fiji's many coral reefs.

\_\_\_\_\_ the larger islands, if you venture inland, you will find mountains, canyons,



waterfalls and lush rainforest, \_\_\_\_\_ are best explored by riverboat. You may come \_\_\_\_\_ villages in

the forest and the local people will always greet you

\_\_\_\_\_ a smile and a show of that famous Fijian  
hospitality.

For the most adventurous, there \_\_\_\_\_ opportunities  
for white-water rafting and kayaking on some of the rivers, and the  
Namosi highlands provide the perfect setting for a \_\_\_\_\_  
days hiking. Back on the beach, those \_\_\_\_\_ wish can  
learn scuba dive. Just remember to take an underwater camera with  
you, as you will see sights you will not want to miss!

## Polyglot

Alex Rawlings is twenty years old and he is a university student. But  
\_\_\_\_\_ is something special about Alex; he can speak  
11 languages.

As a small child, Alex learned Greek, English and French  
\_\_\_\_\_ his parents, but the value of language really

became clear to Alex \_\_\_\_\_ the family moved to Japan for four years \_\_\_\_\_ a result of his father's job.

Being in a place where you do not understand the language \_\_\_\_\_ make you feel lonely and insecure and Alex always felt frustrated \_\_\_\_\_ he couldn't speak Japanese to the other children.

After they moved back to England, Alex's family visited Holland \_\_\_\_\_ a holiday. Alex decided that, unlike in Japan, next time they went to that country he would be able to communicate \_\_\_\_\_ people. He taught himself Dutch using books and CDs and when he returned to Holland he could speak the language.

German, Spanish, Afrikaans, Hebrew, Catalan and Italian followed, and Alex is now learning Russian. Learning languages makes Alex happy because, \_\_\_\_\_ only is it an important skill, but it is \_\_\_\_\_ a hobby he enjoys, as well as the subject he studies and it will eventually be part of \_\_\_\_\_ job.