

**Reading**

A You are going to read an article about a man who had a terrible holiday experience. Five sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A-F the one which fits each gap (1-5). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

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**A HOLIDAY TO REMEMBER**

*David Small has travelled all around the world. He tells us about one holiday that he is never likely to forget.*

Travel is more than a hobby to me – it's a passion. By the age of 25, I had visited over ten countries. But most of my trips had been fairly short – a week in Italy; two weeks in Indonesia in China – that kind of thing. I felt I was missing something and I was ready to go on a big journey.

So, I planned a three-month tour of Europe. Of course, I had been to Europe before, but I was really looking forward to spending more time in some of my favourite places. Unfortunately, it turned out to be my worst holiday, even worse than being stuck up a mountain in the Himalayas, lost in the desert, or travelling in a tiny plane during a thunderstorm. **1** My worst experience was much closer to home.

And it was not because I was unprepared either.

**2** I had worked out exactly when I was going to be in each country and how long I was going to stay. I had even booked my train tickets in advance so that everything went smoothly. But, despite all my careful planning, my dream holiday became a nightmare.

Things started to go wrong even before I had left England. I arrived at the airport in plenty of time (I had decided to start my trip in Italy so I was flying to Rome). With my tickets and passport in my hand, I joined the queue. Then, just as I was checking in, there was an announcement saying that all flights to Rome had been cancelled because of bad weather. **3**

When the plane took off the following day, my late arrival in Rome meant that I only had two hours before I had to catch my first train.

**4** The rest of my time in Italy was fine, though, and I was beginning to really enjoy

myself. Then I went to Greece, which was where I had my accident.

I had hired a motorbike and I was travelling through some mountain villages. I had thought about hiring a car, but a motorbike gives you more freedom and I like the feeling of being in the open air. I have quite a lot of experience riding motorbikes, but nothing could prepare me for what happened next.

**5** I tried the brakes, but the wheels just spun. I attempted to turn a corner but I was going too fast and, well you can guess what happened next! My own stupid fault! I didn't break any bones, but I had bad scratches on my arms and legs which needed first aid. This also meant that I couldn't swim for the rest of the holiday!

On top of that, I lost my wallet so I had very little money left. I spent the next two months staying in the cheapest places, living on bread and cheap tins of fish, and feeling miserable! And because of my injuries, I couldn't even go for a swim or lie on the beach!

- A I had been planning this trip for over a year.
- B Of course, the success of a holiday depends on who you go with.
- C I had to go home and come back the next day!
- D I was riding down a steep hill when the bike started to speed up.
- E No, those adventures were fun!
- F I was very disappointed because that was the first city on my trip and I hardly saw anything.

**Listening** CD 1 Track 7

B You will hear an interview with a woman called Mary Davenport who organises working holidays for young people. For questions 1-5, complete the sentences.

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**WORKING HOLIDAYS**

The interviewer asks Mary why young people would  **1** while they are on holiday.

Mary began the company after hearing complaints that young people were  **2**

One problem with family holidays is that members of the family want to  **3**

Teenagers working at summer camps have to take care of  **4** children.

Planting trees is hard work but it is more enjoyable than going  **5**

## Section 2

### Grammar and Vocabulary

C Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

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- I like going on \_\_\_\_\_ holidays, where everything's organised for you and you don't have to worry about anything.  
A parcel            B package            C packet            D pack
- Let's try not to spend more than our \_\_\_\_\_ when we go to Spain this summer.  
A budget            B amount            C sum            D total
- Hailey spent her \_\_\_\_\_ year travelling around America.  
A blank            B rest            C break            D gap
- Joe is quite laid \_\_\_\_\_ and nothing seems to ever worry him.  
A back            B down            C out            D off
- I think we need to wait in the departure \_\_\_\_\_ until the plane is ready.  
A space            B room            C chamber            D lounge
- Our last school \_\_\_\_\_ was great! We went to visit a computer factory.  
A excursion            B journey            C trip            D voyage
- The hotel didn't look this bad in the holiday \_\_\_\_\_!  
A brochure            B leaflet            C booklet            D prospectus
- Why don't we take the \_\_\_\_\_ car to the top of the mountain?  
A slope            B sky            C cable            D wire

D Write one word to complete each sentence.

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- I got a little nervous when I felt the plane start to speed \_\_\_\_\_.
- Get your passport ready for when we check \_\_\_\_\_ at the airport.
- Slow \_\_\_\_\_! You're driving much too fast.
- Would you mind seeing Andy \_\_\_\_\_ at the station? He's leaving today.
- The helicopter took \_\_\_\_\_ and circled around the airport.
- I'm going to London for the weekend, but I'll give you a call when I get \_\_\_\_\_ on Monday.

E Write the word in brackets in the correct form to complete each sentence.

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- With modern means of transport, I think our ideas of \_\_\_\_\_ (**DISTANT**) have completely changed.
- A huge crowd of people were waiting at the airport for the pop star's \_\_\_\_\_ (**ARRIVE**).
- Did you understand what that \_\_\_\_\_ (**ANNOUNCE**) was all about?
- I know that people from these two countries look quite similar, but they are \_\_\_\_\_ (**CULTURE**) very different.
- People live on a few of the islands around here, but most of them are \_\_\_\_\_ (**INHABIT**).
- For the last twenty years, \_\_\_\_\_ (**TOUR**) has been the main source of income in this area.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ (**GROW**) in the number of visitors to the area has certainly helped the local economy.
- It started to become \_\_\_\_\_ (**COMFORT**) hot, so I opened a window to let some fresh air in.

F Write a word from the box to complete each sentence.

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with • of • around • in • out • off • for • on

- 1 I don't think there's much chance \_\_\_\_\_ it raining today.
- 2 I wonder what it feels like to fall \_\_\_\_\_ love.
- 3 As Mike got \_\_\_\_\_ of the car, he almost hit a boy on a bicycle with the door.
- 4 That's the last time I go \_\_\_\_\_ holiday with you!
- 5 You've been under a lot of stress lately. Why don't you take some time \_\_\_\_\_ work?
- 6 This is a much better composition, compared \_\_\_\_\_ your last one.
- 7 Our specially-built resort caters \_\_\_\_\_ all ages.
- 8 Who was the first person to sail \_\_\_\_\_ the world?

G Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

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| <p>1 I finally managed to contact Edward.<br/><b>contacting</b><br/>I finally _____<br/>_____ Edward.</p>   | <p>6 It's now four years since I started playing hockey.<br/><b>been</b><br/>I _____<br/>_____ four years now.</p>   |
| <p>2 It was such a heavy book that I couldn't lift it.<br/><b>too</b><br/>The book was _____<br/>_____ lift.</p>  | <p>7 My great-grandmother would sing to me every night.<br/><b>to</b><br/>My great-grandmother _____<br/>_____ to me every night.</p>  |
| <p>3 All this work won't seem so unusual after you've been working here a few days.<br/><b>used</b><br/>After you've been working here a few days, you _____<br/>_____ all this work.</p> | <p>8 I'm sure you will win the competition.<br/><b>bound</b><br/>You _____<br/>_____ the competition.</p>  |
| <p>4 It is so far to my school that I can't possibly walk.<br/><b>such</b><br/>It is _____<br/>_____ to my school that I can't possibly walk.</p>   | <p>9 The magician moved his hands too quickly for me to see what he was doing.<br/><b>so</b><br/>The magician moved his hands _____<br/>_____ not see what he was doing.</p> |
| <p>5 This screwdriver is too small for what I'm trying to do.<br/><b>enough</b><br/>This screwdriver _____<br/>_____ for what I'm trying to do.</p>                                       | <p>10 In addition to speaking French, Lisa speaks German.<br/><b>well</b><br/>Lisa speaks German, _____<br/>_____ French.</p>  |

H- WRITING: You bought a package holiday to a winter resort. Write your review about the whole package holiday (140-190 w)