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Book: Full Blast B1 - Units: 4B - 5A & B



Reading

A. 1. Read about people who explored the world in variety of ways. After reading choose the most suitable title for the text: (1p.)

a. The history of around-the-world trips

b. Discovering new places around the world

c. How people travel around the world

Ever since the first explorers circled the globe, more and more people have tried to do the same. Using a variety of modes of transportation, many brave globetrotters have succeeded in doing so, despite the difficulties and risks involved.

The first successful expedition to sail around the world was led by the Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan. Magellan and his crew began a journey across the Atlantic, around South America and into an ocean which was unfamiliar at the time, the Pacific.

The expedition took three years, from 1519 to 1522, but unfortunately Magellan himself did not complete the entire voyage, as he died during a battle in the Philippines. This incredible achievement proved that the Earth is round and also provided us with a name for the Pacific Ocean, which Magellan described as peaceful (pacific) when he first saw it.



American adventurer and writer Joshua Slocum was the first person to sail around the globe alone. He set sail from Boston in 1895 and returned more than three years later. The book he published of his experience *Sailing Alone Around the World* has become a classic in travel literature. Modern developments in sailboats have made it possible to sail around the world much faster. Francis Joyon, a French sailor and sailboat racer, currently holds the record for the fastest solo trip which took him just over 57 days in 2008.

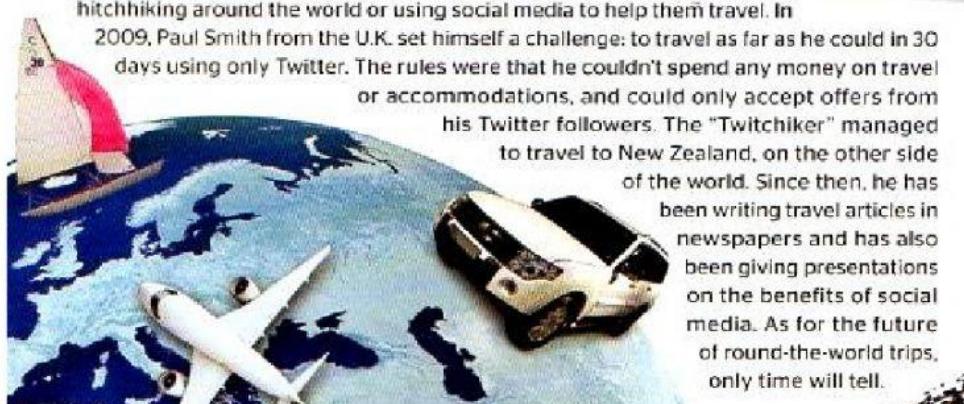
Perhaps a more remarkable achievement is that of Laura Dekker from the Netherlands, who, at 16, became the youngest person to sail around the world on her own. Her attempt began in August 2010 and was successfully completed after 518 days in January 2012.

Sailing, however, is not the only way that people have chosen to travel. American globetrotter Dave Kunst managed the journey on foot between 1970 and 1974. He covered 14,450 miles and wore out 21 pairs of shoes. Others have attempted the journey by bicycle. Thomas Stevens from England was the first to succeed. He circled the globe from April 1884 till December 1886 on a penny-farthing.



In recent years, people have been attempting stranger ideas, like hitchhiking around the world or using social media to help them travel. In

2009, Paul Smith from the U.K. set himself a challenge: to travel as far as he could in 30 days using only Twitter. The rules were that he couldn't spend any money on travel or accommodations, and could only accept offers from his Twitter followers. The "Twitchiker" managed to travel to New Zealand, on the other side of the world. Since then, he has been writing travel articles in newspapers and has also been giving presentations on the benefits of social media. As for the future of round-the-world trips, only time will tell.



A. 2. Read the text again and choose TRUE, FALSE or NM (Not Mentioned):(8x1,5=12p.)

1. It took Magellan and his crew 3 years to cross the Pacific.
2. The Pacific Ocean is named after an explorer.
3. Joshua Slocum managed to sail around the world by himself in less than three years.
4. Joshua Slocum became famous from his book *Sailing Alone Around the World*.
5. Francis Joyon is the youngest person to sail around the world.
6. Dave Kunst walked around the globe.
7. Thomas Stevens started his journey from England.
8. Paul Smith managed to travel around the world in 30 days.

A. 3. Now, read the text again and match the highlighted words with a definition (there are three extra words!) (5x1=5)

a. to try to do something difficult or dangerous: _____	brave
b. facing difficult situations without showing fear, but courage: _____	achievement
c. to use something so much that it can no longer be used: _____	sailor
d. something important that somebody has done successfully: _____	wear out
e. Someone who works on boat: _____	attempt



Listening

B. Alison is planning the activities for next week with Mike because they have some days off. Listen to the conversation about what they are doing and check the correct option.(5x3=15p.)

a- Alison wants to go to the ... on Monday.



b- Mike doesn't want to go because he ...

... is busy at work

...is worried about the sun

...prefers to watch a movie

c- On Tuesday she suggests going to...



d- On Wednesday, she wants to...



e- On Friday or Saturday, she would like to ...



Vocabulary

C. Alison's parents love traveling. Read their last travel experience. Drag and drop the words from the boxes to the correct place. (12x1=12p.)

took off

fasten

agency

check in

tickets

boarding

Last vacation, they decided to visit some friends in Sydney, Australia by plane. They were looking for _____ online but they couldn't find any good prices. Finally, a friend, who worked in a travel _____ found some inexpensive tickets. They arrived at the airport and they immediately went to _____. After that, they got a _____. When they finally got on the plane, they were told to _____ their seat belts. After a few minutes the plane _____.

tour

departure

resort

landed

announcement

arrival

After the pilot's _____, they realized that they were actually flying to Sydney, Nova Scotia, in Canada instead of Australia.

Alison's dad started laughing nervously but her mom was upset. She couldn't believe that they didn't pay attention to the _____ board at the airport. Fortunately, the crew were helpful and friendly and tried to calm them down. When the plane _____, Alison's parents called her after their _____ in Canada to let her know what had happened.

They decided to stay there for a few days. They went on a _____ of the city and went to a ski _____. They had a very nice time there. They will never forget this experience.

D. Alison and Mike have been together for a few years. Read these sentences and circle the correct option. (5x1=5p.)

- Alison was a pain in the neck / over the moon when Tom proposed to her.
- When Tom kissed her in front of everybody, Alison went red as a beet / drove him up the wall.
- Her heart was in her mouth / she felt on the top of the world when she saw him trying skydiving in Canada. It was too dangerous.
- Looking for a taxi in Canada was a pain in the neck / over the moon. They were all taken!
- Alison fell off her chair in a restaurant. She just wanted the ground to open up swallow her/ was on the top of the world.



Grammar in use

E. Alison is talking to Mike talking about her working vacation in Mexico. Report her conversation. (7x2=14p.)

Alison: How are you Mike?

Mike: I am OK. What are you doing here, Ali?

Mike asked Alison _____

Alison: I've just come back from my holiday in Mexico!

Alison said _____

Mike: Did you enjoy it?

Mike asked _____

Alison: I love that place and Mexican people are so friendly.

Alison said that _____

Mike: Can you give some tips on what to carry on my bag when I travel back?

Alison: Do not carry flammable substances in your hand luggage.

Alison told Mike _____

Alison: Pack liquids in a transparent resealed bag.

Mike: Thank you very much!

F. Imagine you are in the following situations. What would you do? Complete the following 2nd conditional sentences with your opinions: (4x2=8p.)

1. If I were an animal I _____
2. If I could travel around the world I _____
3. _____ I would study all night long.
4. _____ I would train a lot.

G. Mike is reflecting on some decisions he made last year. Complete the 3rd conditional sentences. (4x2=8p.)



1. If I had trained more, _____
2. If I had gone to university, _____
3. If I had told my girlfriend the truth, _____
4. If my car hadn't broken down, _____



Writing

H. Choose one topic and write an essay on advantages and disadvantages. Remember to include a title and use linking words. Write 150 words at least. (20p.)

Advantages and Disadvantages	
P1	Introduction
P2	Advantages (at least 3 with clear reasons and examples)
P3	Disadvantages (at least 3 with clear reasons and examples)

P4	Conclusion/give your personal opinion
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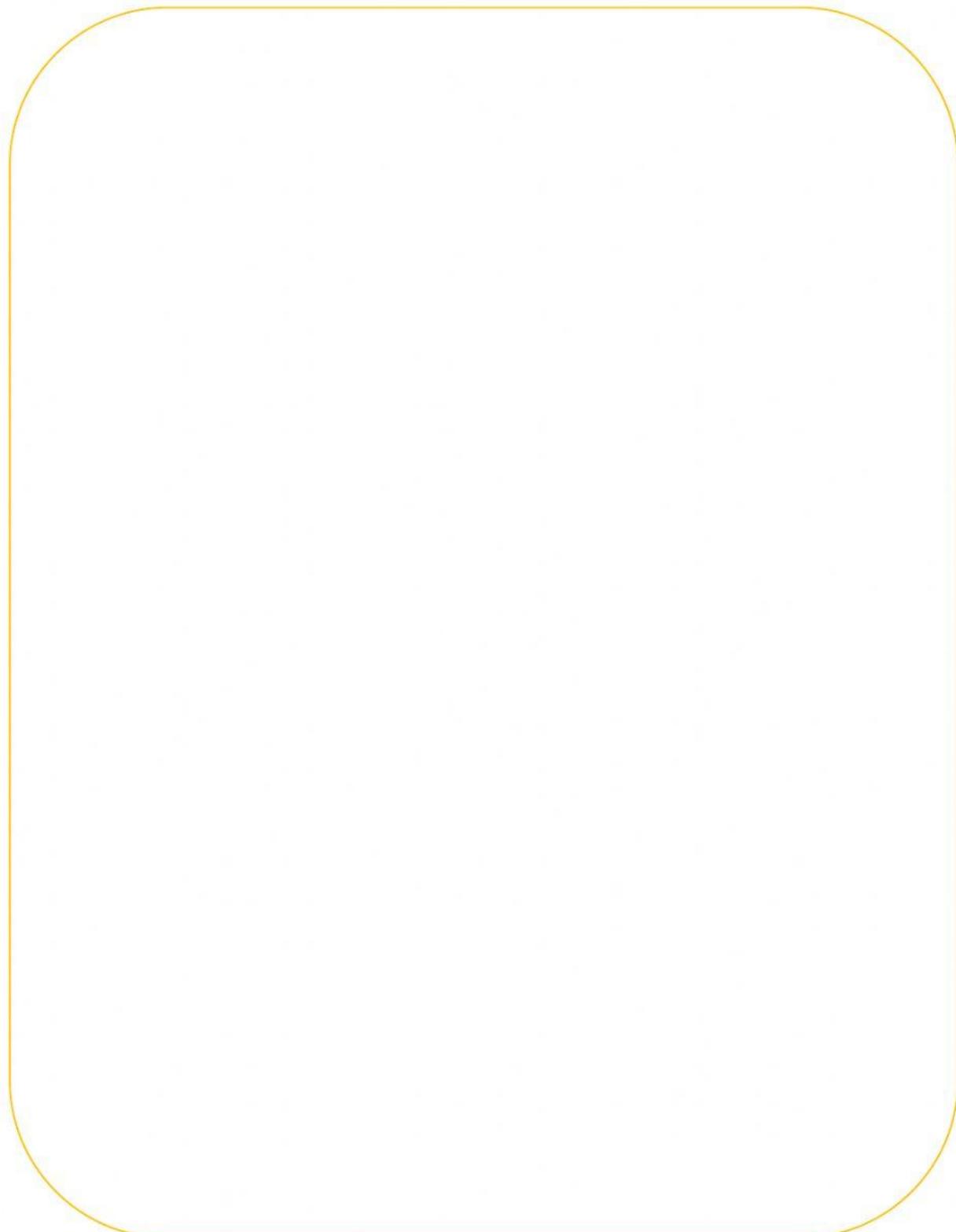
Topics:

1. Advantages and disadvantages of online classes.
2. Advantages and disadvantages of riding a bike in Salta city.

Use linking words/phrases such as:

Firstly...To begin with... Secondly... Moreover...In addition...

Finally... From my point of view... The way I see it... Personally, I believe...

A large, empty yellow-outlined circle, likely a placeholder for a student's response to the writing task.