UNIT 1: SMALL TALK

Vocabulary

Exercise 1: Choose the correct word/phrases to fill in each blank.

1. **Guest**: Receptionist, where can I get a _____? I want go sightseeing this afternoon.

Reception: You can find it in the lobby, sir.

A. travel brochure B. recommendation C. exhibition

2. **Guest**: Can you tell me if there is a romantic restaurant near here? I want to have dinner with my date and I'm going to propose her.

Concierge: Congratulations! There is a great one in the _____. It only takes ten-minute walk or five minutes by taxi.

A. around here B. neighbourhood C. nearby

3. **Guest**: Do you have any personal _____ about some interesting places we can visit in this area?

Waitress: Well, you can visit Vietnam Museum of Ethnology, which showcases the Vietnamese cultural diversity.

A. restrictions B. exhibitions C. recommendations

4. **Hostess**: Ms. Liew Si Hua, did I _____ your name correctly?

Guest: Yes, it's a Chinese name.

A. pronounce B. talk C. speak

5. **Reception:** Do you come from Scotland? You have a Scottish_____?

Guest: Well, actually I come from Canada but I live in Scotland these days.

A. pronunciation B. accent C. speech

6. **Waiter**: Do you often speak Arabic at home?

Guest: Well, my parents always _____ to use Arabic at home to preserve their mother tongue.

A. take it easy B. take consideration C. make it a point

7. **Mr. Paul**: What's the weather like on the island?

Travel agent: It's very wet and _____ there.

A. humid B. dry C. snowy

8. You can have a chance to visit a lot of _____ with different shapes in Hoa Binh Park in the city tour.

A. performance B. sculptures C. places

9. The Central Park is only three _____ away so you can walk there after dinner this evening.

A. walks B. areas C. blocks

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10. Remember to ask the tourists to inform their food _____ before ordering the meals for the whole group.

A. restriction B. addiction C. prevent

Exercise 2: Complete the sentences with suitable words basing on the first given letter.

1. In spite of living in China for many years, my family always makes it a **p**_ _ _ _ to use Vietnamese at home as the way to preserve the mother tongue.

2. The central museum has several life-sized **s**_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of people and animals made of wood or stone, which is the main attraction to tourists to this area.

3. **Guest**: Waiter, I don't know which dish this restaurant is famous for. Can you **r**_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ something?

Waiter: I would say two dishes including beef steak and fresh spring rolls. Both of them are tasty.

4. **Concierge**: Why don't you go to our hotel night club tonight? There is a great live **p**_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ every Saturday.

Guest: That sounds lovely!

5. **Bartender:** May I ask where you come from? You seem to have an Irish **a**_ _ _ _ _.

Man: Actually I'm from England, but I live in Ireland these days.

6. **Reception**: Sir, how do you **p**_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ your name? I just want to say it correctly.

Mr. Ashwin: It's "Ashwin", an Indian name.

7. There is an interesting and exotic theme park in the **i**_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ area and tourists can walk there.

8. The shopping center is within the walking **d**_ _ _ _ _ _ _, but we suggest you take a taxi to save time.

9. There is a museum nearby which contains some interesting **e**_ _ _ _ _ _ _ displaying pictures of French rural life.

10. **Hostess**: Do you have any food **r**_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _?

Guest: I am allergic to mushroom, so please inform the chef.

Grammar

Exercise 1: Choose the correct answer to the following questions. Write the letters in each blank.

A. I live in the South, where there are only two seasons the rainy and the dry each year.

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B. If you like fast food, there is a Mac Donald close by. If you like slow food, there is a great restaurant around the corner.
C. It is. I plan to head down to the beach this morning.
D. I haven't decided yet. I can have a longer holiday if it is getting warmer at the end of the week.
E. Yes, it is Márquez. It is a Spanish name.
F. It takes about 30 minutes and with live music.
G. Well, I'd recommend the Art Museum. It is only two blocks away from here.
H. Sure, it is "anyoung haseyo".
I. Is there anything that I should pay attention to when I enter the pagoda?
K. Actually, it's within walking distance, but it's quicker to get there by taxi.

1. A: What a wonderful day!
   B: _____
2. A: Could you tell me more about the water live show in Time City this evening?
   B: _____.
3. A: How long are you staying here?
   B: _____
4. A: Can you recommend some places to eat near here?
   B: _____
5. A: Where do you live in Vietnam?
   B: _____
6. A: Did I pronounce your name correctly?
   B: _____
7. A: Can you teach me how to say "hello" in Korean?
   B: _____
8. A: Do you have any personal recommendations about places to visit in the intermediate area?
   B: _____
9. A: _____
   B: Oh, you should take your shoes and your hats off.
10. A: Can you show me the way to get to the Square Market?
    B: _____

Exercise 2: Identify one grammatical mistake in each sentence and correct it.

1. **Guest:** I feel like taking (A) the trip around (B) the city. Are there any places of interest that you would recommend to visit (C)?

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Concierge: The art museum would be (D) a good start, sir.

2. **Waitress**: This is the first trip in (A) our country, isn't it (B)?
Guest: No, I was (C) here last year. Now, I'm on business for (D) another 2 weeks.

3. If you like (A) the steak, there is a great restaurant in neighborhood (B). I can help you make (C) a reservation straight away (D), madam.

4. Excuse me, did I pronounce (A) your name correct (B), sir? – Yes, it is Dabols. You know that is a (C) popular Latvian name. You pronounced (D) pretty well.

5. **Waiter**: May I ask you where do you come (A) from, ma'am?
Guest: I come from a small country near (B) Russia. It is located (C) on the Baltic Sea with (D) beautiful beaches and islands.

6. I am having (A) a city tour this afternoon. Do you have any personal recommend (B) about places in (C) the immediate area of (D) interest?

7. For (A) the evening tour, I recommend you are visiting (B) the Shilin Night Market, where (C) lots of local goods are sold (D) at reasonable price.

8. There have beautiful sculptures (A) around the (B) park so I recommended (C) going for a (D) walk there this evening.

9. **Tour guide:** "What (A) was your flight, sir?"
Guest: "It was great."
Tour guide: Shall we go to (C) the hotel now?
Guest: Yes, let's. I need some (D) rest after the long journey."

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10. I passed by (A) a seafood restaurant this morning. It looks like (B) a great place to eat (C) so I recommend have (D) our dinner there tonight.

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