

UNIT 8. OUR WORLD HERITAGE SITES

EXTRA PRACTICE

A. Vocabulary and Grammar

I. Use the correct form of the words in the box to complete each sentence.

<i>culture (n)</i>	<i>excavate (v)</i>	<i>geology (n)</i>	<i>explore (v)</i>	<i>architecture (n)</i>
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1. Trang An Scenic Landscape Complex includes both natural and _____ sites.
2. A lot of visitors to Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park are keen on cave _____.
3. Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park provides a lot of valuable information about the earth's _____ development.
4. Taj Mahal is considered to be a masterpiece of _____ style in design and construction technique
5. The _____ will last for several years as scholars believe that there are still relics buried in this site.

II. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. Here are some of the things _____ (**avoid**) when visiting a heritage site.
2. Visitors should avoid shops _____ (**sell**) unusual relics from the area.
3. Many of the items such as rings, key chains, or souvenirs are made of unusual shells or unique stones illegally _____ (**remove**) from the protected areas.
4. If you buy stolen relics, you will help to create a black market, _____ (**lead**) to further destruction of the heritage site.
5. The final thing _____ (**remember**) is to admire the corals from a distance and not to break off any pieces to take home as souvenirs.

III. Combine the two sentences into one, using either an -ing or -ed participle.

1. A tour guide is taking us to Ha Long Bay. He can speak three languages.
→ The tour guide _____ can speak three languages.
2. There's a gate at the end of this corridor. The gate leads to the main door of the temple.
→ At the end of this corridor there is a gate _____.
3. The pagoda was damaged in the storm. It has now been rebuilt.
→ The pagoda _____ has now been rebuilt.
4. That man was selling unusual relics. They were illegally removed from the protected area of this heritage site.
→ That man was selling unusual relics _____.
5. The Taj Mahal complex was recognised as a World Heritage Site in 1983. It includes the tomb, the most the guest house, and the main gate.
→ The Taj Mahal complex, _____, includes the tomb, the mosque, the guest house, and the main gate.

IV. Choose the best option to complete the following sentences.

1. I suggest _____.
A. visit Thien Mu Pagoda B. to visit Thien Mu Pagoda C. visiting Thien Mu Pagoda

2. How about _____ ?
A. explore Paradise Cave B. exploring Paradise Cave C. to explore Paradise Cave
3. Why don't we _____ ?
A. go there by train B. to go there by train C. going there by train
4. Let's _____ .
A. seeing the relics from the excavation site
B. to see the relics from the excavation site
C. see the relics from the excavation site
5. How do you feel about _____ ?
A. climb the highest mountain in the area
B. climbing the highest mountain in the area
C. to climb the highest mountain in the area.

B. Reading

Read a text about Ha Long Bay, a World Heritage Site in Vietnam, and choose the best title.

- A. *Why Ha Long Bay was recognised as a World Heritage Site*
B. *Attractions in Ha Long Bay*
C. *Threats to Ha Long Bay and possible solutions*

Recognised as a World Heritage Site in Viet Nam, Ha Long Bay attracts thousands of visitors every year, who come to enjoy its magnificent natural landscape. However, the bay is also facing a number of threats that may lead to serious damage to the site.

Wildlife in Ha Long Bay is being destroyed by overfishing as this is the only job to support most of the inhabitants here. As a result, rare sea creatures may become extinct soon.

Another problem is deforestation of mangrove forests. The mangroves, known as the plants native to Ha Long Bay, provide protection during storms, preserve the shoreline, and act as a natural filter that keeps the sea environment clean and healthy. Numerous wildlife species including plants and fish also depend on the mangroves.

What is more, some markets in Ha Long Bay sell unusual relics and natural objects, such as coral pieces, sea shells, or unique stones, probably illegally removed from the protected areas. Many of these items, converted into rings, key chains, and other souvenirs, are purchased by unsuspecting tourists. Buying these items creates a black market leading to further destruction of Ha Long Bay.

As eco-tourists, we can help to protect Ha Long Bay for future generations in several ways. For example, by sailing or fishing with the fishermen, we can share the benefits of tourism with the local community. This will help them to increase their income and reduce excessive fishing. We can also help local people to learn about the significance of the mangrove forests and help them to replant the mangroves. We should also avoid purchasing unusual souvenirs. As responsible tourists, we can discourage suspected traders or vendors by refusing to buy their illegal goods.