

Reading and Listening Comprehension

a. Read the story carefully. Then, circle the correct answers.

When most people think of Peru, they picture old ruins or nature. But travelers often forget that Peru also has many great beaches to visit. In fact, Peru has a whopping 2,500 kilometers of coast. It is just waiting for you to explore!

Mancora is a popular town in the far north of Peru. It has pure blue waters and huge waves. This makes it a popular surf spot. For much of the year, Mancora is a sleepy town of 8,000 people. But in the summer, people flock from all over. They come to enjoy the waves and the fun atmosphere in this small beach town. Nearby is Cerros de Amotape National Park. Here, you can get up close and personal with all kinds of animals! You could even see a boa constrictor!

Another famous beach town in Peru is Huanchaco. Some people say that this is where surfing was invented. Almost 5,000 years ago, many people fished in the waters here. After fishing, they would ride waves back to the shore in their boats. An ancient city named Chan Chan is nearby. It is now protected as a World Heritage site. You can take a short drive from the beach to see the ruins. Then you can return to your comfy beach chair in the evening. A visit to Peru's beaches is a great way to see all this country has to offer!

1. Why does the author say, "A visit to Peru's beaches is a great way to see all this country has to offer"?

- a) Peru's beaches are close to every part of the country.
- b) Peru's beaches contain many of the things that make Peru famous.
- c) You can see every part of Peru from the beaches.
- d) Peru has many great beaches to visit.

2. What does "whopping" mean in the context of this reading?

- a) very large
- b) extremely
- c) hitting very hard
- d) bumping

3. What does "sleepy" mean in the context of this reading?

- a) tired
- b) ready for sleep
- c) moving slowly
- d) quiet

4. What is the most likely purpose of this essay?

- a) To describe Peru's beaches with beautiful language.
- b) To persuade a tourist that Peru's beaches are better than others.
- c) To give information about Peru's beaches that people don't often know about.
- d) To compare Peru's beaches with other parts of the country.

5. How many kilometers long is Peru's coastline?

- a) 8,000
- b) 2,500
- c) 5,000
- d) It doesn't say in the text.

b. Listen to the dialogue. Circle the option that best answers the question about the dialogue.

1. How tall is the volcano that the speakers passed?

- a) 3,400 meters
- b) 5,800 meters
- c) 9,000 meters
- d) They didn't say.

2. How long is the wingspan of an Andean condor?

- a) 2 meters
- b) 3 meters
- c) 9 meters
- d) 3 feet

3. How long does it take to hike from the top to the bottom of Colca Canyon and back?

- a) one day
- b) nine hours
- c) two days
- d) two hours

4. When is the best time for condor viewing?

- a) 9 p.m.
- b) 3:40 p.m.
- c) 9 a.m.
- d) at night

5. Where will the speakers stay the night?

- a) Chivay
- b) Colca Canyon
- c) Misti
- d) Arequipa