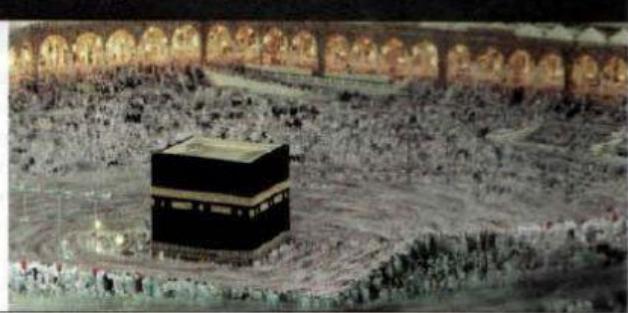


**The world's biggest attraction?**

The Hajj is the Islamic pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca. There are an estimated 1.3 billion Muslims in the world, and during the Hajj, the city of Mecca must cope with as many as 4 million pilgrims.



## • Language spot

### Talking about reason

1 Match the questions in A with the answers in B.

A	B
1 Can I ask you a few questions?	a For a week or so.
2 Where are you travelling to?	b OK, thanks.
3 What is the purpose of your visit?	c Certainly.
4 Why are you visiting London?	d Yes, we want to go to Scotland.
5 How long are you planning to stay?	e For a study tour.
6 What's the reason for your trip?	f Bangkok.
7 Why don't you check?	g It's my brother's wedding.
8 Do you have any other reasons to be here?	h Business.

2 Which of the questions are asking about reason?

3 Link these sentences with *to*, *for*, *because*, *because of*, or *in case*. Check your answers with the listening script on p. 129.

- 1 We're doing a passenger survey \_\_\_\_\_ help with tourism planning.
- 2 I've got an open return \_\_\_\_\_ they ask me to stay on.
- 3 We had to fly to Madrid \_\_\_\_\_ there were no direct flights available.
- 4 We are going to London \_\_\_\_\_ a study tour for four weeks.
- 5 We are here \_\_\_\_\_ we want to know about the culture, and not only \_\_\_\_\_ the famous sights.

4 Which sentence refers to a reason that *might* happen?

5 Complete these sentences spoken by other travellers at the airport.

- 1 We're going to Amsterdam \_\_\_\_\_ visit my sister who's just had a baby.
- 2 We're just waiting for our connecting flight. It's been delayed \_\_\_\_\_ technical difficulties.
- 3 They say the flight may be delayed, so I think I'll phone the hotel. \_\_\_\_\_ we're late.
- 4 We're going to Rome \_\_\_\_\_ we want to see the Coliseum.
- 5 I'm going back to my old university \_\_\_\_\_ a special reunion. I've just bought a video camera \_\_\_\_\_ take a film of everyone.

6 Use the information in the chart in Listening 3 to role-play the four dialogues with a partner.

» Go to **Grammar reference p.121**

## Pronunciation

1 Listen to the underlined part of each country. Are they the same?

Russia Russia China China Germany Germany

2 Say the name of each country. Pay attention to the pronunciation of the part underlined.

3 Listen to the part of these words in **bold**, then write the word in the correct column.

bro <u>chure</u>	de <u>stination</u>	pa <u>ckage</u>
cha <u>nge</u>	Eng <u>lish</u>	pa <u>ssenger</u>
cha <u>rt</u>	Eg <u>ypt</u>	pi <u>lgrimage</u>
che <u>ck-in</u>	exp <u>ression</u>	re <u>ligious</u>
cult <u>ural</u>	la <u>nguage</u>	

Russia /j/ China /tʃ/ Germany /dʒ/

4 Practise saying the words from each column.