

READING TASK

ACTIVITY 1 TOP 6 BEACH CITIES

Read the following texts about 6 BEACH CITIES. For each of the sentences (1-10) choose the correct text (A - F). Each text can be joined to MORE THAN ONE sentence.



A. Honolulu, Hawaii |

Once an idyllic retreat for 19th-century Hawaiian royalty, Honolulu's Waikiki Beach is now packed with resorts, some of them historic like the 1901 Moana Surfrider Hotel. Its calm waters are ideal for inexperienced surfers, but most beachgoers here are happy enjoying the temperate, turquoise blue Pacific and the views of the Diamond Head crater.

B. Nice, France |

Some 35 beaches stretch uninterrupted along Nice's coastline. Don't forget your flip-flops, however, as some of them are covered with small rocks called galets. People who can afford it sunbathe at private beaches, where a day's access costs about 16 euros and often includes a sun lounge; food, towel and parasol are an extra.

C. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil |

Rio has an active beach scene throughout its 25 miles of shoreline, from Copacabana—where bronzed Cariocas, wearing skimpy swimwear and Hawaiianas, love to relax walking along the promenade in the shadow of Christ the Redeemer—to the more elegant and classier Ipanema, framed by the Rio skyline and the rocky peaks of Dois Irmaos (Two Brothers).

D. Santa Monica, California |

With 3.5 miles of broad, sandy beaches, a fresh ocean breeze, and a lively atmosphere, Santa Monica has long been a top attraction for the Hollywood set. In the 1920s, movie magnates and starlets partied at Club Casa Del Mar; today, celebrities avoid the paparazzi at the Shutters on the Beach hotel. Featuring an amusement park, aquarium and restaurants, the pier is a landmark for the beach and the city. Join a volleyball game or just chill out watching the Pacific waves crash on the beach!

E. Vancouver, British Columbia |

Canada's most adventurous metropolis is home to ten beaches, from the family-centric Jericho to the clothing-optional Wreck Beach, most of which offer commanding views of the Vancouver skyline and majestic North Shore Mountains. Among them, sporty types prefer Kitsilano, a six-minute drive from downtown, for its free tennis, volleyball and basketball courts, and its super-size heated saltwater pool.

F. Barcelona, Spain |

With lots of famous architectural wonders to see, advanced cuisine restaurants, and buzzing nightlife, Barcelona would be a world-class city even without the eight white-sand beaches on its Mediterranean coastline. Accessible by metro, the nearly mile-long Barceloneta Beach—revitalized in the massive waterfront makeover for the 1992 Olympics—is one of the most popular. Hit the Beach Centre to rent a beach umbrella, chairs, or a bicycle.

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ACTIVITY 2 MY KARATE JOURNEY

Read the text below and choose the correct word (A, B or C) for each gap (1-10). Only ONE answer is correct.

EmilyM's blog

I've been training in karate for over seven years now and I am a brown belt. I would like to share how karate has helped me develop as a person and provided me with the tools for self-defence.

Firstly, I am going to talk about karate as a self-defence martial art | 1 | that is what it is. In a world where we are exposed more and more to the dangers of crime, it is important to know a | 2 | self-defence moves because no one knows if they might end up in a situation where they have to use them. Through karate, I have developed the speed in which to react when someone tries to attack me.

What do I like | 3 | about my karate training? I enjoy the fact that every lesson I go to, I am guaranteed to learn something new and no karate lesson is ever the same. As well as that, all the instructors are awesome. They know everyone by name, they all want | 4 | is best for their students and they give up their own time each week to teach, which is really inspiring.

Karate has | 5 | developed my character and my personality. I'm very shy and I didn't think that I'd be training for as long as I have done and enjoying it as much as I do. I feel really well after a karate lesson. Admittedly, there are weeks where I do feel down about karate, but most people get that occasionally. Karate has definitely improved my self-confidence. I was an assistant instructor | 6 | two years. I helped teach in a class, which I never thought I'd be able to do, but I did and I am very proud | 7 | myself for having achieved that and I do hope to do it again in the future.

My main goal in karate is to achieve my black belt, which I will continue to try to reach. My favourite karate-based quote is "a black belt is a white belt who never quit" because it's such a simple yet powerful message which teaches us not to give | 8 | on our dreams.

| 9 |, I'm enjoying my karate journey and I am glad that it's helped to shape the person that I am today. I love karate so much that I would feel really bad | 10 | I had to stop doing it.

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LISTENING TASK

ACTIVITY 1 GREAT APARTMENT LIVING

Listen to someone making a phone call to get information about an apartment for rent. For questions 1-10 choose the best answer A, B or C. Only ONE answer is correct.



1. The apartment ... |

2. The apartment ... |
3. She thinks the rent is ... |
4. The contract requires a minimum stay of ... |
5. If she moves out and the apartment is in good shape, ... |
6. How close is the apartment to the university campus? |
7. The apartment is ... |
8. She can park her car ... |
9. | ... the following morning.
10. In the apartment ... |

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ACTIVITY 2 CHILDREN FROM RUSSIA

Listen to a man saying what an American charity does to help children from Chernobyl and complete each space in the summary with ONE word or number.

There was an explosion in the year | 1 |.

It provoked extensive | 2 | due to the radiation.

Over 50 people | 3 | as a result of the explosion.

Apart from this, the chances of getting cancer are now much higher than the world | 4 |.

Many children have illnesses and the number of | 5 | defects has increased since then.

A group of American people have created a charity to | 6 | money to bring the children in the area to the States every | 7 | when the radiation is the | 8 |.

The children who came to the USA enjoyed the food, the clean air and many | 9 | activities.

A member of this charity said that the kids who take part in this project do not | 10 | as much school when they go back to Ukraine.

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WRITING TASK

ACTIVITY 1 AN EMAIL ASKING FOR INFORMATION

You have decided that this year's holiday is going to be an adventure: you are going on a safari! Write an email to your travel agency giving some information about your travel preferences and asking about prices, dates, accommodation, transportation, activities and anything else you might need to know.



ACTIVITY 2 A POST ON YOUR BLOG

You have recently become more concerned about the environment. Write a post on your blog about what you do to be more environmentally friendly and encourage others to do the same.

SPEAKING

In this part of the test we are going to ask some questions that you are expected to answer. Try not to use monosyllabic answers, but to build up your responses; please show interest and take active part in this task.



1st question **i?**

Answer |

2nd question **i?**

Answer |

3rd question **i?**

Answer |

4th question **i?**

Answer |

5th question **i?**

Answer |

Describe these pictures



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