

Level: Upper Intermediate B

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TRAVELLING PLACES**Part N°1:**

Vancouver is a great place to visit on holiday. Read the text and think of one word which best fits each space. There is an example at the beginning. ____ /

Vancouver, in western Canada, is named after Captain George Vancouver (0) ____ of ____ the British Royal Navy. However, Captain Vancouver was not the first European (1) _____ visited the area. The coast had already been explored (2) _____ the Spanish. Captain Vancouver did not spend many days there, even though he (3) _____ warmly welcomed by the local people and the place fascinated him and everybody else who was travelling with (4) _____.

Tourists who travel to Vancouver love to visit the beach, which is only about ten minutes (5) _____ the city centre. Visitors claim that it is one of the (6) _____ beautiful places that exist on earth. They also like visiting historical places, (7) _____ as museums and theatres.

The city (8) _____ considered one of the world's best tourist destinations. This place has become (9) _____ famous that it is very frequented by celebrities. They believe that Vancouver offers them both fun (10) _____ culture.

Part N°2

Going to the beach is relaxing. Read the following article about a man's day on the beach and decide which of the statements A, B or C is true. ____ /

Every year, about this time, my wife wakes me up with a playful slap and says, "I've got an idea. Let's drive for three hours to the ocean, take off most of our clothes and sit on some sand for a whole day." "What for?" I will say wearily. "It will be fun," she will insist. "I don't think so," I will reply. "People find it disturbing when I take my shirt off in public. I find it disturbing." "No, it will be great. We'll get sand in our hair. We'll get sand in our shoes. We'll get sand in our sandwiches and then in our mouths. We'll get sunburned and windburned. And when we are tired of sitting, we can have a paddle in water so cold it actually hurts. At the end of the day, we'll set off at the same time as 37,000 other people and get in such a traffic jam that we won't get home till midnight. It will be such fun!"

The tragic thing is that because my wife is English, and therefore beyond the reach of reason where saltwater is concerned, she really will think it's fun. Frankly, I have never understood the British attachment to the seaside. So when, last weekend, my wife suggested that we take a drive to the sea, I put my foot down and said, "Never – absolutely not," which is of course why we ended up, three hours later, at Kennebunk Beach in Maine. On arrival, our youngest surveyed the scene and said, "OK, Dad, here's the situation. I need an ice cream, a deluxe bucket and spade set, a hot dog, some candy floss, an inflatable dinghy, scuba equipment, my own water slide and a toilet." They don't have those things here, Jimmy," I laughed. "I really need the toilet." I reported this to my wife. "Then you'll have to take him to Kennebunkport," she said serenely. By the time we found a toilet, little Jimmy didn't need to go anymore, so we returned to the beach. By the time we got there, some hours later, I discovered that everyone had gone off for a swim, and there was only one half-eaten sandwich left. I sat on the towel and ate the sandwich. "Oh look, Mummy," said my daughter as they emerged from the later surf. "Daddy's eating the sandwich the dog had." "Tell me this isn't happening," I began to whimper. "Don't worry, dear," my wife said. "It was an Irish Setter. They are very clean."

I don't remember much after that. I just had a little nap and woke to find that Jimmy was burying me up to my chest in sand – which was fine, except that he had started at my head – and I managed to get so sunburned that a dermatologist invited me to a convention in Cleveland the following week as an exhibit. We lost the car keys for two hours and the Irish Setter came back and stole one of the beach towels and then bit me on the hand for eating its sandwich. It was a typical day at the seaside, in other words. "Lovely," said my wife. "We must do that again soon." And the heartbreaking thing is she really meant it.

1. The author:

- a. enjoys the idea of a day on the beach.
- b. isn't very proud of his body.
- c. doesn't get badly sunburned.

2. The author's wife:

- a. is looking forward to a day on the beach
- b. is not usually able to persuade her husband to do what she wants
- c. says that Irish Setters are cute.

3. The author believes English people

- love taking long drives to the beach.
- love going to the beach all the year round.
- aren't very reasonable.

4. The author

- a. has a daughter
- b. has a an Irish Setter.
- c. likes sunbathing.

5. The author's youngest child:

- a. couldn't get to the toilet fast enough
- b. is called Sammy.
- c. is very demanding

PART 3: FINLAND

Read the holiday brochure on Finland carefully. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the space in the text.

If you want an **(0) ENJOYABLE** holiday, forget about (1) _____ beaches and traffic jams and come to Finland. Finland is the world in its (2) _____ state: fresh, bright and (3) _____ unspoilt. You'll find the brilliant sunshine, unpolluted air, clear streams and our blue lakes – all waiting to welcome you. Today Finland is less (4) _____ than ever before. In (5) _____ with many other holiday destinations we offer exceptionally good value for money. Our hotels and restaurants are as (6) _____, efficient and (7) _____ as ever. Whether you are (8) _____ a short break, or a fortnight of golf, sailing and fishing, Finland offers experiences at unbeatable prices.

- 0. ENJOY – 1. CROWD – 2. NATURE – 3. COMPLETE – 4. EXPENSE – 5. COMPARE – 6. COMFORT – 7. FRIEND – 8. PLAN**

PART 4: Holidaymakers' comments

These are some comments people made after their holidays in Finland. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one, using between two and five words including THE WORD GIVEN

a. We went to Helsinki last summer. **WHERE**

Helsinki is the _____ on holiday last summer

b. "I suggest going to Finland in summer". **GO**

We _____ in summer.

c. Where is the information centre, please? **TELL**

Could you _____ centre is, please?

d. Young tourists organized a party on the beach. **WAS**

A party _____ on the beach.

e. The beaches were fascinating! **BY**

We _____ the beaches.

f. "We had a fantastic time in Finland," said Kevin. **HAD**

Kevin said that they _____ time in Finland.

Part 5.

Complete the two conversations with the words in the box.

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A These trainers are really good value.

B Yes, that's a big ¹_____. But that pair you've got on look a bit too big.

A Yeah, that's ²_____ I thought. What about these ones?

B ³_____, I don't like the style – it's a bit modern for my taste.

A Actually, I ⁴_____ like the style, ⁵_____ I don't know about the colour. They're rather bright.

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A I don't know why our match has been cancelled.

B Well, after all this rain, it stands to ⁶_____ – playing on the wet pitch would ruin the grass.

A Fair ⁷_____, that's a ⁸_____ point.

B And you'd all end up covered in mud.

A You're not ⁹_____ about that. But it seems a shame, after all that training. The team will be fed up.

B Do you really ¹⁰_____ so? They might be relieved, in this weather.

Part 6. Listening:

Listen to 5 people speaking about what they like to read. Match the speakers (1-5) with their opinions (A-H). There are three extra opinions-

 18 Speaker 1 ☐
 19 Speaker 2 ☐
 20 Speaker 3 ☐

 21 Speaker 4 ☐
 22 Speaker 5 ☐

- A The way a book is written affects my enjoyment of it.
- B The plot has to be exciting to be worth reading.
- C The characters' behaviour should be in line with the setting.
- D There is no longer any point in reading books about history.
- E The action is more important than the details of the setting.
- F I prefer reading about real people, even if they are not important.
- G The descriptions of appearance and setting are the best part.
- H It is useful to get a taste of things outside my own experience.

Part 7: Writing

Write an email to your best friend about a film you have seen recently on Netflix.

Include:

- What was the title?
- What kind of film it was.
- Who was the heroine/ hero or villain in the story.
- Why did you watch it?
- What kind of film it was.
- What about the plot?
- Would you recommend it or not to your friend
- What was it about?