

The Swing at the End of the World

When people talk about *The Swing at the End of the World* they are 1 ____ to the swing that hangs from *La Casa del Arbol*, or *The Tree House*, which is located at the edge of a cliff in Baños, Ecuador.

Although this simple wooden tree house is where scientists study Mt. Tungurahua, an active volcano in the area, it has increased 2 ____ in the area. This is because its swing is perfect for visitors looking for a(n) 3 _____. What makes this ordinary swing unusual is its height, as well as what you 4 ____ as you ride on it. As you fly through the clouds, you can take 5 ____ the most spectacular landscape while swinging at a height of over 8,720ft. In other 6 _____, it is like any other swing except that it's much higher and, of course, more dangerous.

The Swing at the End of the World is a popular destination for adventurous visitors. Once there, riding the swing is 7 ____ for anybody with a sense of adventure and anybody who 8 ____ to be brave!

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|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. a. referring | b. catering | c. concerning | d. reproducing |
| 2. a. voyages | b. tourist industry | c. travel | d. tourism |
| 3. a. thrill | b. luxury | c. improvement | d. wealth |
| 4. a. hunt | b. educate | c. acquire | d. view |
| 5. a. up | b. down | c. in | d. on |
| 6. a. ways | b. words | c. talks | d. says |
| 7. a. thrifty | b. wealthy | c. compulsory | d. itchy |
| 8. a. admits | b. believes | c. thinks | d. claims |

B. Match the definitions with the words.

- a statue or building which is built to honor an important person or event ☐
- nausea, dizziness and sometimes vomiting which a person experiences when traveling by boat, because of the movement of the boat in the water ☐
- someone who is paid to give private lessons to a student or a small group ☐
- having a good level of knowledge ☐
- to offer to do something without expecting any pay ☐
- when a ship is destroyed at sea, usually in an accident ☐

- seasickness
- educated
- shipwreck
- monument
- volunteer
- tutor

I. Complete with the correct form of the words in capitals.

- I like reading books for _____.
- Children under twelve must be _____ by their parents.
- The fans were shouting with _____ when their team won the championship.
- This ring is of _____ value.
- The _____ of Venice is absolutely incredible.
- Traveling abroad definitely _____ your horizons.
- This newspaper always has good articles about major _____ issues.

RELAX
COMPANY
EXCITE
QUESTION
ARCHITECT
BROAD
POLITIC

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A. Complete with the correct prepositions.

WESTBURY GLIDERS

Do you sometimes think about taking 1 _____ a new sport but don't know what to choose? Do you want to get away 2 _____ it all and go somewhere far from all the city stress?

Then *Westbury Gliders* is just what you're looking for!

Hang gliding is an ideal sport for anyone who wants to feel free as a bird. The moment you take 3 _____ and are up in the sky, you are sure to forget all your worries.

You'll have to do some training in the beginning, of course, to get the hang of it and learn safety precautions. But don't worry! The instructors who are 4 _____ charge of the training program are all highly experienced.

So, if you feel like having an adventure, don't wait until you go 5 _____ vacation. Come and visit our hang gliding club now!

You don't need to bring anything with you as we have all the necessary equipment. Of course, 6 _____ the future, if you keep coming back for more, there is a wide range of hang gliders 7 _____ sale in our store.

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B. Circle the correct words.

- Ben has taken **in / on** too much work, as usual.
- Kevin is here **in / on** behalf of his brother, Frank.
- Don't worry about Sam. He'll **get / take** over his problem with Peter.
- Jenny is **in / on** the phone with Tina at the moment.
- Work is more pleasant when you get **through / along** with your colleagues.
- Let's get **down / through** to work. We only have two hours before the meeting starts and we aren't prepared.
- Bill takes **on / after** his uncle, Joe. They both love sports.
- Doctors always do what is **in / on** the best interest of their patients.
- Can you help me take **over / down** this suitcase, please?
- Jennifer is **in / on** good terms with all her neighbors.
- I don't understand how you can get **by / through** on such a low salary.
- Nathan got **in / on** trouble because he broke the vase **in / on** purpose.

C. Complete with the Past Simple or the Past Progressive of the verbs in parentheses.

- Paul _____ (not wear) a suit to his job interview yesterday, so he _____ (not make) a very good impression.
- While James _____ (drive) to work, he _____ (get) into an accident.
- I _____ (think) about Helen when suddenly I _____ (see) her in the coffee shop.
- Last month, the Smiths _____ (sell) their car and _____ (buy) a new one.
- Lisa _____ (do) pilates when her phone _____ (ring).
- While the children _____ (play) board games, Sylvia _____ (water) the plants.
- A: What time _____ Victor _____ (arrive) home yesterday?
B: I'm not sure. He _____ (arrive) just as I _____ (leave) for the supermarket.
- A: Who _____ you _____ (yell) at earlier?
B: Nobody. I _____ (not yell). I _____ (listen) to the radio.
- A: Oh, sorry. I thought I _____ (hear) your voice.

B. Complete with the Past Simple or the Past Progressive of the verbs in parentheses.

Have you ever noticed that when you look forward to something, things usually go wrong? About a month ago, for example, I 1 _____ (want) to go on a trip to Chicago to visit a friend of mine who 2 _____ (work) there at the time. I don't drive, so my sister 3 _____ (offer) to drive me to the airport on the day of my departure. But when the day 4 _____ (come), everything 5 _____ (go) wrong! I 6 _____ (not hear) my alarm clock go off, so I 7 _____ (wake) up later than I had planned to. I 8 _____ (not get) stressed, though, because I still had just enough time to get ready. Unfortunately, while I 9 _____ (get) ready and 10 _____ (think) about all the fun things my friend and I would do during my stay in Chicago, my sister 11 _____ (call) me and 12 _____ (tell) me that she was too sick to get out of bed. I had no time to waste so I 13 _____ (run) out the door and 14 _____ (take) a cab to the airport. But, as I 15 _____ (approach) the check-in desk, I 16 _____ (see) that the gates had already closed. I had missed my flight!

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A. Circle the correct words.

- Can we **delay** / **postpone** the meeting till the end of the week?
- The train for London **departs** / **disembarks** at 6:00 p.m.
- We won't **arrive** / **reach** Manchester till about five o'clock.
- Anne's grandparents were **immigrants** / **strangers** from Spain.
- How much is the cab **price** / **fare** from Astoria to Central Park?
- What time is Peter **getting** / **coming** to pick us up?
- The guide took us on a sightseeing **tour** / **journey**.
- Every time I fly to Thailand, I get really bad **jet** / **air** lag.
- I would like to **apologize** / **regret** for my behavior.
- The photographers took pictures of the athletes as they **departed** / **disembarked** from the plane.
- Do you have anything in **mind** / **head** for Jack's graduation gift?
- I didn't know any of the people at the barbecue. They were all complete **immigrants** / **strangers**.

B. Choose a, b or c.

- A:** I'd like a double room with an ocean view.

B: _____

a. There's only a single room available at the moment.

b. I'm terribly sorry about that.

c. I'm afraid it's not good enough.
- A:** _____

B: Four.

a. Which dates would you like to stay?

b. How many nights do you need the room for?

c. Can you give me a contact number?
- A:** I'd like to book a room for March 7th and 8th.

B: _____

a. I'm afraid there's nothing available for those dates.

b. Please accept our apologies.

c. There's been some sort of mistake.
- A:** _____

B: Twelve.

a. What's the price per night?

b. Do you have anything cheaper?

c. What time is checkout?
- A:** _____

B: We will fix it immediately.

a. The air conditioning isn't working.

b. I'm not satisfied with the service.

c. The room's rather small.
- A:** Do you really expect me to stay in this room?

B: _____

a. Yes. Keeping our customers happy is our top priority.

b. Let me check availability.

c. I'm sorry for the inconvenience.

I. Complete with the correct form of the words in capitals.

A review:

Southeast Asian Travel

Southeast Asia is well-known for its beautiful scenery, perfect beaches, delicious food and low prices. Of course, it is also known for the fact that the locals are very friendly towards 1 _____.

Southeast Asian Travel, written by Sean Dale, tells you all you need to know about traveling in Southeast Asia. He starts by telling you exactly what you should pack so as to avoid any 2 _____.

You will also find useful phrases in several languages, necessary in situations where you need to ask about the 3 _____ of hotel rooms or make 4 _____.

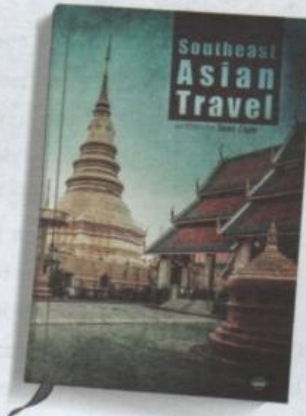
There are also some great pictures of some of the most beautiful places you can visit.

Sean Dale also prepares travelers for any difficulties they may face. For example, he gives advice on how to deal with food 5 _____.

His advice on how to make a 6 _____ about a hotel room or a cold meal without getting into an

7 _____ is also great!

There is no chance you will be 8 _____ with this book!



FOREIGN

CONVENIENCE

AVAILABLE
RESERVE

POISON
COMPLAIN
ARGUE
SATISFIED

II. Complete with *used to*, *would* or *was/were going to*.

1. A: So, what are you planning on doing after high school?

B: Well, I 1 _____ do an apprenticeship and become an electrician, but I changed my mind in the end. I'm going to take a cooking course and become a chef. My father 2 _____ own a restaurant and he can help me open one. When I was younger, we 3 _____ cook delicious dishes all the time, but I think I need to take some classes if I want to become a professional chef.

A: I'm terrible at cooking! I remember my mother

4 _____ try to teach me how to cook, but whatever I made turned out to be a disaster!

2. A: We 5 _____ go to the Swiss Alps on vacation but there was a blizzard and our flight was canceled.

B: Oh, no! That's too bad! I love the Alps! My husband and I 6 _____ stay at a resort in the Alps every year and we 7 _____ spend our days skiing and drinking hot chocolate. Unfortunately, we don't go there anymore.

E. Rewrite the sentences below using the words given.

1. When I was young, I went jogging every morning.

used

2. I planned to visit my friend Wendy this afternoon, but she had to work overtime.

going

3. My mother always made chicken soup for me when I was sick.

would

4. They wanted to go to the Italian restaurant, but it was closed so they went to a Chinese one.

going

5. My brother and I regularly went swimming in the lake near our house when we were young.

used

6. Ted went out with his friends before he got married, but not anymore.

used

High Achievers

The world's 1 _____ adventurers didn't just wake up one morning feeling ready to do something extraordinary!

Some started out by secretly wondering what it would be like to climb Mount Everest. Others studied the ocean before deciding to surf the biggest wave. Most watched others before 2 _____ making their first attempt. What they all did have in common, though, was that they remained 3 _____ and found the strength to overcome their 4 _____ and accomplish their goals.

Of course, there were times when they felt tired and there was extreme 5 _____ as they wondered if they would eventually succeed and make their dreams come true. Others also faced 6 _____ about their personal safety. Nevertheless, rather than quit, they practiced extra hard on days when they felt insecure.

Finally, they succeeded. The BASE jumper found his balance, the spelunker found the courage to go deeper into the cave he had been exploring and the surfer finally rode the big wave! That's when they feel both 7 _____ and proud!

FEAR

AWKWARD

FOCUS

NERVOUS

TENSE

ANXIOUS

RELIEVE



B. Choose a, b, c or d.



I grew up in the wild landscapes of Alaska, so I'd always known about the Wilderness Classic.

It's adventure in its most natural form.

Participants have to climb 1 _____ slopes in order to cross mountain ranges in Alaska.

Also, there are no rules except for these three: no roads, no motors - and no help.

Some people take bicycles or skis, but I

2 _____ the slopes on foot. After a day's walk,

I set eyes 3 _____ a river. It was flowing fast and the water was freezing, but I decided to cross it

anyway. So, I 4 _____ some branches together

to make a raft. To be 5 _____, I knew it was dangerous, but

I didn't want to give up.

I was about halfway across when something knocked me forward. It was my backpack. It swung around to my left and I felt something pop in my shoulder. I was 6 _____ by the pain. There was no way I could continue.

I didn't manage to finish that year, but I knew I would be out there again the following year. I just had to try again. Fortunately, my next 7 _____ was successful. It was a great experience!

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. a. tight | c. curious |
| b. steep | d. apprehensive |
| 2. a. wondered | c. approached |
| b. haunted | d. crawled |
| 3. a. on | c. at |
| b. in | d. to |
| 4. a. trapped | c. tied |
| b. troubled | d. stuck |
| 5. a. actual | c. true |
| b. real | d. honest |
| 6. a. overwhelmed | c. menaced |
| b. threatened | d. exhilarated |
| 7. a. exploration | c. gasp |
| b. attempt | d. spot |

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A. Choose a, b, c or d.

- To make a long story ____, we were in a car crash but were not injured.
a. short b. small c. fast d. quick
- The explosion ____ at 7:00 p.m.
a. approached b. strolled c. encountered d. occurred
- The man walked back and ____ as he waited for the doctor to tell him how his wife was.
a. forward b. front c. forth d. forwards
- I nearly jumped ____ my skin when I saw the snake.
a. away from b. out of c. off of d. through
- When Victor saw the bear, he ran in the ____ direction.
a. back b. opposite c. backwards d. behind
- It is very easy to mistake Robert ____ Grant. They look alike.
a. with b. for c. on d. to
- There were many surprises ____ store for us during our vacation.
a. in b. on c. for d. at
- Peter couldn't figure ____ how to solve the problem.
a. in b. up c. out d. about

B. Form complete sentences using the prompts, the time expressions given and the appropriate past tenses.

1. We / realize / our mistake / we / start / laughing

as soon as

2. Tom / know / he / be in trouble / he / see / police

when

3. The hikers / climb / mountain / they / see / wolf

as

4. Jake / finish / studying / he / go / out with friends

after

5. Amanda / wash dishes / the children / play

while

C. Read the writing task and the story, and circle the correct options.

Around the World magazine has organized a vacation story competition.

One lucky participant will win a vacation to Mexico.

Your story must begin with this sentence:

"Right from the start, I knew our vacation would be different."

Your story must include:

- someone being lost
- a spider

Blue Mountains-Australia

Right from the start, I knew our vacation would be different. **1 Last / Yesterday** summer Frank and I had arranged to take part in a 12,600-mile bicycle ride around Australia. We were both very excited because it was supposed to be a dream vacation come true. You see, we are both nature and bike lovers.

The bicycle ride began in Sydney. Everything was going fine **2 after / until** we arrived at the Blue Mountains. We tried to stay focused on the bike trail, but couldn't help admiring the beautiful view and local wildlife. Unfortunately, **3 before / while** we were enjoying the landscape, we rode off the bike path. **4 By / Ago** the time we realized we were lost, it had already started to get dark. We began to feel scared.

We had no choice but to spend the night in the woods. Every noise we heard made us shake with fear and we were looking forward to leaving **5 as / as soon as** the sun came up. The next morning, just **6 as / till** we were getting up, I saw a redback spider. **7 As / Till** then, I had only seen this poisonous creature in photographs. It was right next to where my head had been. I was lucky that it hadn't bitten me!

Fortunately, we found our way back to the bike path after a few hours. However, **8 after that / at the time**, we were careful to focus on our map and not to leave our route again. It was an unforgettable vacation!



D. Underline the sentences in the story above which show that the writer followed the instructions he/she was given.