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UNIT 8:

Grammar

Task 1 Complete the sentences with the present perfect simple form of the verbs in brackets.

1 I ..... (buy) some nice T-shirts and shorts for my summer holiday.

2 Sally loves adventure holidays and she ..... (decide) to go on another one this year.

3 The girls ..... (not try) mountain biking, but they're looking forward to it.

4 ..... (Tom / go) to the airport with Dad to wait for Milly?

5 We ..... (find) a good place to stay in France for the summer.

6 The rain that we had during the night ..... (delay) all of the buses.

7 I ..... (not speak) with Kim today. Do you know where she is?

8 ..... (they / see) this travel show about China?

Task 2 Complete the conversations with these words. You will need to use one word twice.

already	ever	for	just	never	since	yet

9 **A:** I've ..... stayed in an expensive hotel, but I'd like to. What about you?
B: No, I haven't, but I think it would be great.

10 **A:** Who were you talking to on the phone?
B: My friend Holly. She's ..... invited me to her end-of-year party!

11 **A:** Has it ..... snowed on this island?
B: Actually, it has, but it was a very long time ago.

12 **A:** Are you excited about going to summer camp next month?
B: Yes. In fact, I've ..... packed my backpack!

13 **A:** Has your brother been water skiing on his holiday?
B: No, he hasn't done any water sports ..... .

14 **A:** How long have you known Kelly?
B: We've been friends ..... the fourth grade.

15 **A:** Hi, Alex. What are you doing outside the cinema?
B: I'm waiting for Sam and I've been here ..... half an hour!

16 **A:** Have the art classes started ..... ?

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B: No, there's still time to sign up if you want to join.

Task 3 Complete the email with the present perfect simple form of the verbs in brackets.

From: Jake

To: Ellie

Hi Ellie,

Here I am in Crete! We arrived last week and we **(17)** ..... (already see) and done so much. The beaches are amazing – I **(18)** ..... (never swim) in such clear warm water. The sun **(19)** ..... (shine) every day and we **(20)** ..... (spend) all our time outdoors. It **(21)** ..... (not rain) once!

Oh, and the food is fantastic! **(22)** ..... (you ever eat) Greek food? It's delicious! My sister **(23)** ..... (not stop) eating cheese pies. In fact, she **(24)** ..... (just have) another one!

I hope you're having fun at your adventure camp. **(25)** ..... (you / make) lots of friends?

Write soon,

Jake

Vocabulary

Task 1 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

26 Millions of **guests** / **tourists** visit Paris every year.
27 I'd like a return **fare** / **ticket** to Bristol, please.
28 Have you **booked** / **closed** your accommodation yet?
29 I'm writing about my holiday in my **guidebook** / **diary**.
30 The bus stopped **sudden** / **suddenly** and I nearly fell over.
31 Let's **make** / **take** a boat trip at the weekend – the weather will be very nice, I think.
32 Before we get on the plane, we have to **go through** / **go on** security.
33 My cousins **caught** / **went** the train at ten o'clock this morning.

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Task 2 Match the sentences (34–40) with (A–G).

34 I'm going to a tennis camp this summer. .....
35 You don't need to call the hotel. .....
36 My friends are going on a long journey. .....
37 Alex has a great idea for a new sport. .....
38 You don't have to pay the full fare. .....
39 You must show your ID before you travel. .....
40 We have to go to reception first. .....

A They're travelling through Africa.
B That's where we'll get our room key.
C You're under eighteen so it's less for you.
D I need to improve my skills.
E Usually, that means a passport.
F He wants to develop water volleyball!
G You can make a reservation online.

Task 3 Complete the words in the sentences.

41 I had nowhere to sit on the bus this morning because there were so many **p** _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .

42 This is an excellent **g** _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ – it's got so much useful information.

43 The **c** _ _ _ _ _ _ **o** _ _ _ _ _ - at the airport asked us if we had any food in our bags.

44 To enter some countries, you need to have a passport and a **v** _ _ _.

45 There is a **c** _ _ _ _ _ of two different rooms at the hotel – one has a view of the beach and the other is next to the garden.

46 There are a lot of people waiting on the **p** _ _ _ _ _ _ _ for the train to arrive.

47 Horse riding doesn't look easy. In fact, it seems very **c** _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, but I want to learn one day.
48 I'm travelling alone and I'd like a **s** _ _ _ _ _ room for three nights, please.

49 It's very sunny today, so I'll need to wear my **s** _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ when I drive.

50 Hello. My name's John Smith. I have a **b** _ _ _ _ _ _ for a double room.

Dictation

You are going to listen to a recording about holidays in space. Listen to the whole recording once. Then you will hear the recording again with pauses for you to write down what you hear. Make sure you spell the words correctly.

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Listening

Task 1

You are going to listen to a radio interview with a boy called Adam who travelled around the world with his family. For questions 1–6, choose the answer (A, B or C) which fits best according to what you hear.

1 What problem did the family have when they were planning their trip?
A They wanted to visit a lot of foreign countries.
B It was a difficult trip to plan for four people.
C They couldn't agree where to go.

2 Why did they choose the round-the-world ticket?
A It was cheaper than flying to Australia.
B It allowed them to see more countries.
C There was a lot of information online.

3 What was surprising about Japan?
A the difference between life in the city and the countryside
B how modern Tokyo was
C the traditions in the countryside

4 Why did they stay in Australia for two weeks?
A They explored all the amazing beaches.
B Adam wanted to spend more time surfing.
C It took time to go from one place to another.

5 Why were they lucky when they visited the desert in Chile?
A They saw the flowers in the desert.
B They experienced the driest place on earth.
C It started raining while they were there.

6 In which country did they spend the most time?
A Japan
B the USA
C Australia

Task 2 Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

7 Adam's family visited Japan, Australia, Chile and the USA. .....

8 Adam was looking forward to swimming in Australia. .....

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Reading

Task 1 Read the article. Decide which club (A–H) would be the most suitable for the young people (9–14).

9 .....
Liam enjoys being outdoors and he's keen to try something unusual that he's never done before. He'd like to do a group activity such as a team sport that will help him to get fit too.

10 .....
Alice doesn't have much free time because she's got a part-time job in a shop this summer. However, she wants to do something for fun in the free time that she has. She's thinking about learning a useful skill that is also creative.

11 .....
Jason likes outdoor activities. He's done mountain biking before and he loved it because it was challenging. This summer, he'd like to try a different sport. If he gets to a good level, he'd like to continue with the sport.

12 .....
Kate enjoys doing puzzles and watching films. This summer, she'd like to do a group activity that isn't a sport, and which also doesn't cost much. She loves talking about different topics with her friends.

13 .....
Simon has just moved to the town and he would like to make some friends before school starts. He'd like to join a club that is popular with lots of teenagers. He's interested in all kinds of new technology. He's free every day.

14 .....
Monica loves nature and enjoys spending time in the countryside. She'd like to learn more about the environment and do something to protect it. She also loves spending time with animals and she is a volunteer at an animal shelter.

Task 2 Read the article again and answer the question in your own words.

15 Which activity is best for people who enjoy adventure? Why?

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Summer clubs

Are you staying at home this summer? You don't have to go on a holiday to have fun. We review some popular clubs where you can enjoy activities with other teenagers.

A Page Turner

Do you think sport is boring? Are you a thinker not a doer? If your idea of a perfect afternoon is sitting down with a good book, then this is the club for you. Read the classics of world literature and then discuss them with the other members of the book club. By the end of the summer, you'll be a lot smarter! The club has its own library so you don't need to buy anything. Just come to the weekly discussions.

B Nature Calls

When school ends, the best way to enjoy the summer is outside in the fresh air. So turn off the TV, shut down your computer and join the many happy teens at Nature Calls – a club for green teens. At the club, you'll learn what you can do to help nature and take part in activities that really make a difference, like cleaning up local beaches and collecting glass, paper and aluminium for recycling.

C Fast and Furious Frisbee

Ultimate Frisbee has been played for over fifty years, but you probably haven't heard of it. You can play it on grass with two teams of seven players each, or on the beach with teams of five each. All you need is a frisbee – a flat disc. During a game, the team with the disc throws it to others on their team to score goals. It's fast, fun and you don't stop running!

D Zip It

If excitement and adventure are for you, try zip lining, an activity that combines speed and nature. You'll slide down the wire faster than you can run. Don't do it if you're scared of being in high places! This is an exciting activity that will put a big smile on your face. The instructors will show you how it's done and the club provides all the equipment you need.

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E Splash

Nothing's better than being at the beach on a hot summer's day, so join in the fun at Splash. You can improve your swimming and learn to scuba dive, sail or ski. Classes are available for beginners, intermediate and advanced teens. You'll get a certificate when you successfully complete a level. But the fun doesn't stop when summer ends. Classes continue until November.

F Data Dudes

Every day, the Preston Youth Club opens its doors to teens from across the area. There are many activities on offer including sports, art and drama, but be quick and sign up now if you want to take part in the computer classes. They're enjoyed by many teens who are learning about computer programming. It's a fun way to meet new people and, who knows, you could become the next Bill Gates.

G On the Stage

Do you have hidden talents? On the Stage, you can find out! The club has drama lessons for young people. This is a great activity for shy teens. They can meet new people in a friendly place and have a lot of fun acting scenes from well-known films and plays. The club meets every day and, at the end of the summer, members give a performance.

H Shake and Bake

One day, when you're older, you'll have to look after yourself. You'll definitely need to cook! At Shake and Bake, you start with basic dishes like salads and omelettes, and then move on to more challenging food like cakes. Show your artistic talents and decorate a birthday cake for a friend or a member of your family. They'll be amazed at what you can do!

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- Your English teacher has asked you to write a story.
- Your story must begin with this sentence:

I had a real surprise when I turned on the television.

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