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Listening 2: Angie

Listen to Angie talking about her travel experience. Before you listen, choose the best option to complete each sentence. Then listen to check.



1. Angie and her partner wanted to go away for *a long weekend* by train _____.
2. She wanted to support the *thriving* tourist industry in her local area _____.
3. She thought their *boutique hotel* was really good _____.
4. She also thought that the prices were *decent* _____.
5. The pass they bought meant that they were able to *hop on and off* public transport _____.
6. The tourist information center *turned them onto* a free app _____.
7. The hotel was near a lot of *tourist traps* and *tacky souvenir* shops _____.
8. They also felt that restaurants were trying to *rip them off* _____.

- A. and the rooms were satisfactory
- B. and they left on Friday and returned on Monday
- C. and this meant they gave the experience a lower score
- D. and she didn't want to fly
- E. and they could go wherever they wanted
- F. and they were disappointed with the location
- G. and she liked the way the rooms were decorated
- H. and they could choose between several options for self-guided tours

Talk about the meanings of the items in italics. You do not need to make any notes.



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Listening 3: Charlie



Listen to Charlie talking about his travel experience. As you listen, decide if each sentence is true or false.

1. Charlie was keen to try a cruise without committing to a long *voyage*. _____
2. He didn't think that the cruise was similar to a more traditional *package vacation*. _____
3. Charlie's *cabin* didn't have a window because he didn't want to pay a higher price. _____
4. There were some *breathtaking* views, especially at the end of the day. _____
5. Charlie couldn't *put up with* the noise from the bar and he complained. _____
6. Most of the entertainment took place inside, rather than *on deck*, due to the weather. _____
7. Natasha asked what else they *got up to* and Charlie mentioned parties and games, among other things. _____
8. Everyone had to go on *an excursion* on Sunday morning, to a cheese factory. _____
9. Charlie was very lucky that he never *suffered from seasickness*. _____

Talk about the meanings of the items in italics. You do not need to make any notes.

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Stop and check

You encountered twenty-seven items of vocabulary in this podcast. How many can you remember? Complete the definitions below with the items in italics from the three listening activities.

Chris' vacation

1. _____ (phr. v) organize something with several elements
2. _____ (n) a comfortable and easy way to experience camping
3. _____ (v) put up a temporary sleeping structure
4. _____ (n) a device that uses fire to heat a small area
5. _____ (n) an organized trip for a particular purpose
6. _____ (v) become completely wet
7. _____ (v) make a place with a roof where you can keep dry in the rain
8. _____ (n) a place to relax in heated water, often located outside
9. _____ (n) a long walk in the mountains or countryside