

A  Listen to Mary talk about the lessons she learned about traveling. Then match the statements (A–E) to the lessons (1–5).

- A You will learn more about a culture if you talk to the local people. _____
- B You don't need as many things as you think you do when traveling. _____
- C A trip should not be a race. _____
- D Find some information about the place before you go. _____
- E The main purpose of traveling is to know a different place. _____

_____ / 10 (2 points each)

B Match the sentences.

EXAMPLE My sister has four children, and they are all under 10 years old! 1

- 1 I'm glad you came. I've been working all morning, and I'm exhausted. _____
- 2 My mother is a very brave woman. _____
- 3 Living abroad can be a challenge at first. _____
- 4 I can't take the stress of doing this job anymore. _____
- 5 I need to write that down. _____
- 6 Maria only moved to this city two months ago. _____
- 7 I'm not going to finish this on time. _____
- 8 First, I'm going to have a coffee. _____

- A But it's clear that she's adapted well to city life! _____
- B Then I'm going to tackle the rest of the emails. _____
- C She's never frightened of accepting a challenge. _____
- D I'd really welcome a break. _____
- E I underestimated how long it would take me. _____
- F I've decided to look for a new one. _____
- G But if you get through the first few months, it gets much easier. _____
- H I'm not capable of remembering it all. _____
- I I don't know how she copes with them all. _____

_____ / 8 (1 points each)

C Choose the correct answer.

EXAMPLE Mariano always taps his finger on the desk when he's stressed. It gets on my nerves / loses my patience.

- 1 I'm trying to remember his name, but I can't! It's so *clumsy* / *infuriating*!
- 2 This morning the biology teacher *was a waste of time* / *lost his patience* with the class, because only two of us had done the homework!
- 3 I spent hours cooking a meal for Karen, but then she didn't come home for dinner. It was so *frustrating* / *complex*.
- 4 Jon wants to meet at 6 p.m., but it might be a little *time-consuming* / *tricky* for me because my previous meeting ends at 6.15.
- 5 Dan is very *tricky* / *clumsy*. He's always dropping things and knocking things over.
- 6 Only the technician can use this machine because it's complicated and *hard to operate* / *loses your patience*.
- 7 It's quite a *complex* / *time-consuming* question. I'm not sure I understand it. Can you explain?

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

D Choose the correct answer.

EXAMPLE Demetri ___ about the taxes in this country. He can be a little annoying sometimes.

A is constantly complaining **B** will complain

1 I ___ on weekends because he is always too tired.
A won't meet up **B** isn't meeting up

2 I usually listen to music when ___ to work.
A I'm driving **B** I will drive

3 My son ___ to cope very well with new situations. He doesn't mind change.
A is tending **B** tends

4 People ___ me the transportation system in Osaka is complex, but that visitors usually get used to it after a while.
A will tell **B** tell

5 Anna ___ Sam for advice when she's not sure about what to do.
A tends to ask **B** is asking

6 My daughter loves interior design, and she ___ of new ways to change her house. She just can't stop.
A thinks **B** is always thinking

7 I never answer my cell phone when ___. Otherwise, I can't concentrate.
A I tend to study **B** I'm studying

8 I ___ fish rather than meat in the evening. I sleep better if I have a light dinner.
A tend to prefer **B** am preferring

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

E Choose the correct answer. Sometimes both options are possible.

My family and I ¹would live / ¹used to live on the coast near Guadalajara. We ¹would live / ¹lived in an apartment near the beach, and we ²would go / ²used to go swimming all the time.

We ³would have / ³used to have a dog called Bruno, and he ⁴used to run / ⁴would run for hours along the beach. He ⁵used to live / ⁵lived until he was quite an old dog, and I still miss him a lot.

When I was fifteen, we ⁶moved / ⁶used to move to Mexico City and, although I love this city, I often think about the life we ⁷used to have / ⁷would have near the beach.

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

F Read the email. Then read the statements and decide if they are True or False.

Hi Marianne!

I'm sorry I haven't written earlier, but I've been so busy with the new job and adapting to life in Europe. I used to think that I would adjust very easily to life abroad, but I realize now that I underestimated just how tricky it would be. Everything is so different from home – from the type of food they eat, to the time they eat, to the clothes they wear. And then, of course, there is the weather... Do you remember how I used to complain about the weather at home? Well, you should see me here. It's been cloudy every day since I arrived, and I'm finding it hard to cope with the lack of sunshine.

I'm really enjoying the work, though. The team I work with is a great group of people and they've really made me feel welcome here. The days tend to start later than at home, though, usually around 9.30 a.m. The first few days, I welcomed being able to get up later as I was still suffering from the time difference and the long-haul flight, but now it seems like a waste of time not starting earlier. I tend to work much better in the morning than in the evening, but I guess I'll survive!

I know that I should stop complaining and just get a grip. I didn't come here for a vacation after all! And I know that someday I'll look back and be grateful for having had this opportunity. I guess that thinking about you guys and life at home is making me feel a little homesick. Let me know how you're doing, and I hope your final exams went well last week.

Take care,

Alicia

1 Alicia finds the change of culture easy to adapt to.	T / F
2 Alicia is away from home on vacation.	T / F
3 Alicia is getting along well with her colleagues.	T / F
4 Alicia enjoys starting work later.	T / F
5 Alicia believes that this experience is a step forward.	T / F

_____ / 10 (2 point each)