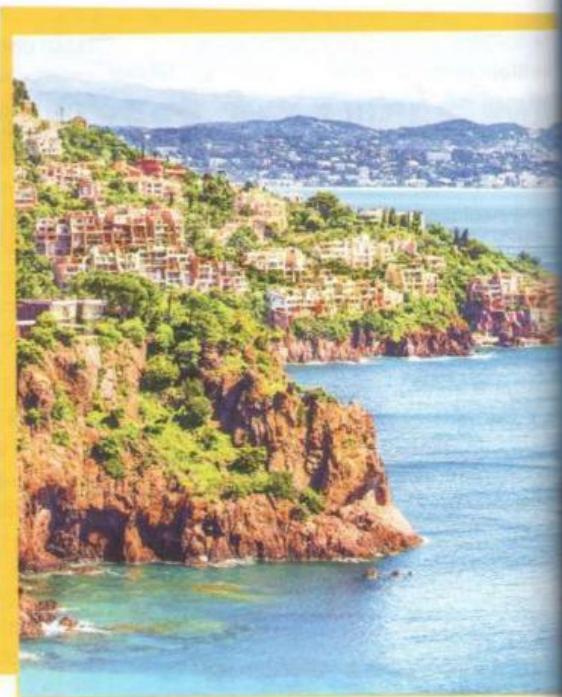


**A** Complete the text with the words/phrases in the box.

luggage    boarding    youth hostel    seats    platform  
 journey    rush hour    destination

The (1) \_\_\_\_\_ started in a small (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in Bristol on a wet Monday morning. Their (3) \_\_\_\_\_ was the south of France and they had to be there by ten o'clock the following night. When they left the Bristol Hostel, it was (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and it took them ages to get out of town. They had decided to go through the Channel Tunnel as Jeremy usually got sick on ferry journeys. He met them on the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ just minutes before the final call for (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the train. Jeremy had three pieces of (7) \_\_\_\_\_ with him. Sara rolled her eyes in disbelief. 'Where are we going to put all of those?' she asked. Nina was more helpful and quietly lifted them onto the racks above their (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

**B** Read the sentences and choose the correct answer *a*, *b*, *c* or *d*.

1. Jason was stuck in a traffic \_\_\_\_\_, so he called his secretary to cancel the meeting.  
 a. light      b. jam      c. lane      d. crossing
2. They were going on a long \_\_\_\_\_ and would stop at several ports.  
 a. road      b. ferry      c. flight      d. cruise
3. There were only a few minutes before the plane \_\_\_\_\_, so I decided to call him and break the news.  
 a. took over      b. took off      c. got off      d. got away
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the Antarctic took over a month to complete due to adverse weather conditions.  
 a. excursion      b. voyage      c. jet      d. yacht
5. Just follow the road \_\_\_\_\_ to the ancient theatre; it's very easy.  
 a. signs      b. ways      c. blocks      d. tracks
6. All the passengers were glad to \_\_\_\_\_ from the ship as the sea had been quite rough.  
 a. get out      b. get on      c. leave      d. disembark
7. As I was walking down the road, I saw a car crash \_\_\_\_\_ the column over there.  
 a. with      b. into      c. on      d. in
8. I drove over something sharp last night and I got a \_\_\_\_\_, so I had to change the wheel.  
 a. puncture      b. pedestrian      c. tear      d. hole
9. Some drivers have a problem driving in \_\_\_\_\_ because they are not used to going backwards.  
 a. back      b. u-turn      c. opposite      d. reverse
10. When I travel by train, I usually buy a \_\_\_\_\_ ticket if it works out to be cheaper.  
 a. round      b. return      c. come back      d. reverse

**C** Choose the correct prepositions.

## PHRASAL VERBS

1. **A:** Can you drop me **of** / **off** / **out** at the bus station, please?  
**B:** Of course. We'll just have to stop at the petrol station first because I don't want to run out **of** / **off** / **for** petrol.
2. **A:** Julie, you really shouldn't pick **at** / **up** / **with** speed as we approach a residential area. If someone runs out onto the road, you might knock them **out** / **in** / **over**.  
**B:** You're right, but I saw another car trying to cut **in** / **out** / **at**, so I increased speed.
3. **A:** I can't wait to get **away** / **off** / **up** on holiday.  
**B:** What time are you setting **away** / **off** / **at** tomorrow morning?  
**A:** Pretty early I would imagine, because the flight takes **up** / **down** / **off** at six o'clock in the morning. The good thing is that it touches **up** / **down** / **with** in Malta at ten o'clock, so we will have the whole day ahead of us.

D Read the text and choose the correct answer a, b or c.

## Planes, Trains & Automobiles

Hi Mum,

Just a quick email to let you know that we arrived in Melbourne safe and sound after what can only be described as an epic (1) \_\_\_\_\_.

Our adventure started at the railway (2) \_\_\_\_\_.

We (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the train that we intended to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and the next one was (5) \_\_\_\_\_ late, so we were left hanging around for about an hour. Fortunately, it was the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ train, so we made up most of the time.

Our flight didn't have any (7) \_\_\_\_\_, so after we checked in our (8) \_\_\_\_\_, we headed to the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to have a look around the shops. We (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the plane on time and the cabin (11) \_\_\_\_\_ showed all the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to their seats very quickly. I had a perfect view of London as we left because John let me take the (13) \_\_\_\_\_ seat. Even though it was a (14) \_\_\_\_\_ flight of eleven hours, it went quite quickly because of the (15) \_\_\_\_\_ entertainment.

Will write again soon,

Love,  
Danielle

1. a. journey	b. travel	c. trip
2. a. stopover	b. station	c. stop
3. a. lost	b. avoided	c. missed
4. a. book	b. catch	c. get
5. a. landing	b. coming	c. running
6. a. express	b. goods	c. quick
7. a. cancels	b. delays	c. difficulties
8. a. luggage	b. passports	c. hand luggage
9. a. arrivals	b. duty-free	c. departure lounge
10. a. got in	b. boarded	c. stepped on
11. a. crew	b. helpers	c. staff
12. a. tourists	b. individuals	c. passengers
13. a. window	b. aisle	c. middle
14. a. domestic	b. connecting	c. long-haul
15. a. low-cost	b. in-flight	c. good

# Reading Comprehension Practice

## POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

- Do you read travel guides before visiting a place for the first time? Why? / Why not?
- Do you comment online on places you've been to or sights you've seen? Why? / Why not?

**A** Read the texts below. Match choices (A-H) to (1-6). There are two choices you do not need to use.



### 1 Yushan



Taiwan will delight you with its tradition of martial arts, delicious food and natural splendours. These include Yushan, or Jade Mountain, which is sure to fascinate people with environmental awareness. Yushan has eleven peaks, the highest of which is 3,952 m, and is a spectacular place to hike. It is located in Yushan National Park, home to many bird species, wild monkeys, mountain goats and more. After your hike, take a rest at the town of Tungpu, with a long soak in a hot spring!

### 2 Crete



Visit Crete for the holiday that has it all! Here you can visit Knossos Palace, and wander around the Old Town in Heraklion. Experience the palm forest of Vai, and take a swim in the island's warm waters. Meet the famously hospitable Cretans and taste one of the healthiest cuisines in the world. In the evening, let us treat you to local desserts and teach you the traditional music and dancing that make this island home.

### 3 Copenhagen



Copenhagen charms children and adults alike, with its canals, 'Castle Island', colourful houses and the oldest still-functioning roller coaster in the world. Everyone must visit 'The Little Mermaid'. Made famous by Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale, the bronze sculpture sitting on a rock reminds visitors of what every Danish sailor knew: that the Mermaids were there, waiting until the 300 years of their existence were over, so they could turn into sea foam.

### 4 Ushuaia



Tierra del Fuego or the Land of Fire is a group of islands at the southernmost part of South America. The main island has the shape of a triangle and lies on the border between Argentina and Chile. In the Argentine part of the island, you can visit the town of Ushuaia. With almost 18 hours of daylight in the summer, and five months of excellent snow conditions for winter sports lovers, Ushuaia is a perfect destination for all seasons.

### 5 Kamianets-Podilskyi



The city of Kamianets-Podilskyi, in western Ukraine, is famous for one of the most picturesque castles in the country, whose location on the top of a huge rock offers its visitors breathtaking views. Stroll through the city's Old Town, which is surrounded by the Smotrych River canyon, and visit the monuments of this historic city. Don't forget to visit the Miniature Museum to see a small version of the city's castle as well as models of other Ukrainian castles.

### 6 Liechtenstein



Whether you want to relax, experience culture or try sports in the heart of the Alps, Liechtenstein is the place to go! Strangely enough, the country has no airport of its own, but you can easily access it, as there are three international airports nearby, two of which are located in Switzerland and one in Germany. Despite being the sixth smallest country in the world, Liechtenstein has a lot to offer to its visitors!

In which of the texts does the author \_\_\_\_\_?

A. stress that hiring a tour guide is necessary	<input type="checkbox"/>	E. describe various accommodation options	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. express surprise regarding a fact about the place	<input type="checkbox"/>	F. say that an area is shared between two countries	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. suggest seeing a copy of a landmark	<input type="checkbox"/>	G. focus on the natural wonders of the place	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. connect a site to a specific legend	<input type="checkbox"/>	H. come from the place he/she describes	<input type="checkbox"/>

**B** Read the text below. Choose from (A-H) the one which best fits each space (1-6). There are two choices you do not need to use.

# Pushing Boundaries

An article in the Journal of Travel Medicine reports on the risk factors in commercial adventure tourism in New Zealand. Client safety is a big issue in this sector. The study was based on a questionnaire completed (1) \_\_\_\_\_. One hundred and twenty-seven groups responded, with a total of almost one million clients annually, covering twenty-one different adventure activities between them.

For client injury, the risk factors (2) \_\_\_\_\_ clients not following instructions, an inappropriate level of client skill, ability or fitness, and changeable or unpredictable weather conditions. Of course, there are also organisational factors (3) \_\_\_\_\_ they may come across, not enough guides, or guides having inadequate experience or qualifications. Failure to check the weather conditions is also an important factor. What is interesting is (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to get injured than domestic tourists. This suggests that the overseas tourist is not familiar with the place they are visiting; therefore the risk of injury is increased.

The activities which reported the highest numbers of client injury were activities related to ecotourism, horse riding, white-water rafting and snow-related activities. For minor injuries, it was found that there was a serious failure in reporting from the operators of the activities. The most common reasons given for reported injuries (5) \_\_\_\_\_. There was also a lack of consistency in following safety management measures across the industry. In some cases, this may be due to operators trying to cut costs.

The general conclusion was that the adventure tourism sector had to address the issue of reporting injuries and pay greater attention to safety management procedures. It was also highlighted that the industry needed to consider risk management for more minor incidents, (6) \_\_\_\_\_. In other words, safety measures for the prevention of both serious and minor injuries in the adventure tourism sector should take the highest priority.

- A. that were at the top of the list included
- B. by trying to reduce the number of accidents
- C. such as falls, and not only major accidents
- D. such as clients not being warned about the dangers
- E. by adventure tourism companies operating in New Zealand
- F. were clients **slipping, tripping or falling**
- G. were enough to ensure the safety of the participants
- H. that visitors from other countries are more likely

## POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

- Have you ever been on an adventure holiday? If yes, what was the experience like? If no, what would you like to do if you had the opportunity?
- Do you believe we should avoid extreme sports because of the danger that is involved?

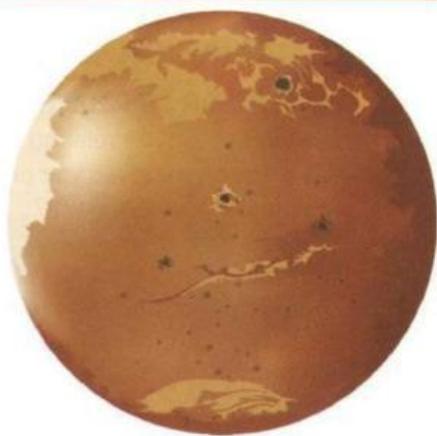
Read the texts below. For questions (1-10) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

## Science fiction or fact? Travelling in the future.

Throughout time, writers and artists have tried to imagine what the future of travel will look like. A popular prediction used to be and still is the flying car, as the freedom of the skies has always been appealing. How many drivers (1) \_\_\_\_ in traffic have gazed up at the clouds and dreamt of (2) \_\_\_\_ and leaving the queues behind? There are those, however, who question how sky traffic could be controlled to avoid flying cars (3) \_\_\_\_ into each other.

As for aeroplanes, some believe that there will be a change to passport control, with face recognition replacing passports. Many believe that space will also be a possible (4) \_\_\_\_ for the more daring tourist. You might wonder what would happen if a spaceship ran (5) \_\_\_\_ fuel. Well, it's possible that in the future the moon could be used as a fuel station for trips to Mars.

1. A. taken	B. kept	C. stuck	D. blocked
2. A. taking off	B. dropping off	C. picking up	D. touching down
3. A. coming	B. moving	C. stopping	D. crashing
4. A. terminal	B. voyage	C. destination	D. holiday
5. A. down on	B. out of	C. off	D. over



## Dancing lions from China

Even the hardest-to-please spectator would have been thrilled to see last week's live performance by the Chinese Acrobatic Theatre. The performance (6) \_\_\_\_ was given at the Coliseum certainly lived up to everyone's expectations. The opening number, (7) \_\_\_\_ was received with great enthusiasm by the audience, was performed by two giant, red dancing lions. The dancers were in perfect harmony with the music, impressing the audience with their talent. The lion dance was followed by a group of acrobats (8) \_\_\_\_ balancing skills were out of this world. The stage was decorated (9) \_\_\_\_ like the Chinese countryside, adding to the whole atmosphere. The Chinese Acrobatic Theatre, which is currently on a world tour, put on a show which is certainly worth (10) \_\_\_\_!

6. A. that	B. who	C. where	D. whose
7. A. where	B. that	C. who	D. which
8. A. that	B. whose	C. where	D. which
9. A. looking	B. to look	C. to looking	D. look
10. A. to watch	B. watch	C. watching	D. to watching

